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PM likely to inaugurate KIA's T2 on Nov. 10

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The second terminal at the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) is likely to be inaugurated next month. The State government has invited Prime Minister Narendra Modi to inaugurate T2 on November 10. However, an official confirmation from the PMO is still awaited, sources said.

The new terminal is being constructed in two phases. The first phase of T2 will be inaugurated first. According to BIAL, once completed, the 2,55,000 sq.m Phase 1 of T2 will augment the capacity of the airport by 25 million passengers per annum (MPPA). The second phase of T2, which is still in the planning stage, will be built for an additional 20 MPPA. Once operational, the combined capacity of both terminals will be 70 MPPA.

Triumphant trio

Human rights activists/organisations from Belarus, Russia and Ukraine won the Nobel Peace Prize on Friday

1. Ales Bialiatski (in pic) | A prominent Belarusian rights activist and founder of Viasna Human Rights Centre. He is currently held in prison without trial

2. Memorial | The organisation founded in 1987, compiles information on human rights abuses and tracks the fate of political prisoners in Russia

3. Center for Civil Liberties | Founded in 2007, the Ukraine-based organisation has identified and documented "Russian war crimes against the Ukrainian civilian population", since the invasion in February

Rights champions in Belarus, Russia, Ukraine get Nobel

Reuters
OSLO

A trio of human rights watchdogs from Belarus, Russia and Ukraine won the Nobel Peace Prize on Friday, a highly symbolic choice of laureates drawn from three nations at the centre of the war in Ukraine.

The honour went to detained activist Ales Bialiatski of Belarus, Russian rights group Memorial and Ukraine's Center for Civil Liberties. "They have made an outstanding effort to document war crimes, human right abuses and the abuse of power," the head of the Norwegian Nobel Committee, Berit Reiss-Andersen, told reporters.

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Panel to study SC status of Dalits post conversion

Three-member commission to be headed by ex-CJI K.G. Balakrishnan has been asked to submit report in two years; development comes even as Supreme Court is hearing petitions on the issue

Abhinay Lakshman
NEW DELHI

The Union government has now formed a three-member Commission of Inquiry headed by former Chief Justice of India, Justice K.G. Balakrishnan, to examine whether the Scheduled Caste (SC) status can be accorded to Dalits who have over the years converted to religions other than Sikhism or Buddhism.

The notification for the formation of the commission was issued on Thursday, days before the Supreme Court on October 11 is expected to hear the Centre's present position on a batch of petitions seeking the inclusion of Dalit Christians and Dalit Muslims and the removal of religion as criterion for inclusion as SCs.

Currently, the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950 provides for only those belonging to Hindu, Sikh or Buddhist communities to be categorised as SCs. When enacted, the Order only allowed for Hindu communities to be classified as SCs based on the social disabilities and discrimination they faced due to untouchability.

The Order was amended in 1956 to include Sikh communities and again in 1990 to include Buddhist communities as Scheduled Caste.

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Hanging questions

A look at the present status of the law, the past amendments and the Centre's argument in the case:

What does the law say now?
The 1950 law provides for only those belonging to Hindu, Sikh or Buddhist communities to be categorised as SCs

How were Sikhs and Buddhists included?
The Kalelkar panel report (1955) and the high-powered panel report (1983) were the basis for amending the Order to include Dalit Sikhs and Dalit Buddhists as SCs in 1956 and 1990 respectively

Centre's argument
The religions included as SCs under the law are branches of Hinduism. Dalits who converted to Islam or Christianity "cannot claim to be backward" since untouchability is a feature of Hindu religion and its branches alone

The three-member Commission is headed by ex-CJI K.G. Balakrishnan

Karnataka set to hike SC/ST quota

BENGALURU
The Karnataka government is set to hike reservation for SC from 15% to 17%, and for ST from 3% to 7% taking the total quantum of reservation beyond 50%. This was the unanimous decision of an all-party meeting on Friday, which will be ratified by the Cabinet on Saturday.

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NEARBY

TBM stuck after encountering garbage pile

BENGALURU
Rudra, the tunnel boring machine (TBM) of Namma Metro project, is stuck for a reason that officials could never have anticipated. It has hit, not a hard rock, but a massive pile of garbage.

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Tipu Express now Wodeyar Express

MYSURU
The Railways has renamed Tipu Express, which plies between Mysuru and Bengaluru, as Wodeyar Express.

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> I would say she is one of the top five bowlers of all time in women's cricket... the Indian team will miss her not just as a player but as a person as well. She has an aura about her
>
> **ANJU JAIN**
> Former India cricketer

Truly elite: No woman has taken more international wickets than Jhulan's 355. Her world-leading 255 ODI wickets, with a best of six for 31, came at an average of 22.04 and strike-rate of 39.2.

Celebrating Jhulan Goswami — gentle giant, fierce warrior, trailblazing world-beater

Over the course of an illustrious career, the Indian pacer took the most wickets in women's cricket and won matches in all conditions. Her astonishing rise from small-town hopeful to all-time great has inspired a generation. Indian cricket will benefit if she remains involved in the game

P.K. Ajith Kumar

Anju Jain was first struck by the teenager's height. She was easily the tallest of all the players assembled at Panchkula, Haryana, for the Indian team's preparatory camp ahead of the 2000 Women's World Cup in New Zealand.

Anju also found out that she was probably the quickest female bowler she had ever kept wicket to. There was another thing she soon noticed about the girl from a small town near Kolkata: her dedication. She felt the youngster had great potential (even if she didn't make it to the World Cup squad).

It was around the same time that then national selector Shubhangi Kulkarni first watched her, at an under-19 tournament in Gurgaon, also in Haryana. She was impressed and thought she was good enough to play for India.

What neither Anju nor Shubhangi could have imagined at the time was that the tall girl, named Jhulan Goswami, would become the most successful bowler of all time in international women's cricket.

> Before Jhulan, our bowling was predominantly spin. And she has been a huge inspiration for all our young pace bowlers
>
> **SHUBHANGI KULKARNI**
> Former India captain

Anju last met Jhulan a couple of months ago at the National Cricket Academy in Bengaluru, where she was undergoing rehabilitation, ahead of the England tour. "She was still the girl I met at Panchkula," Anju tells *The Hindu* over phone. "She had the same dedication and the willingness to work hard. She had the same enthusiasm, too."

The enthusiasm Jhulan spoke with on a lovely November morning at the quiet Goan town of Porvorim nine years ago is fresh in memory. Women's cricket was not as popular those days, but players like Mithali Raj and Jhulan demanded attention for their superlative performances on the global stage. So you didn't want to miss her, even though you had travelled to Goa to cover the Ranji Trophy. Jhulan was leading Bengal in the Senior Women's ODI league.

She was the No. 1 bowler in the ICC ranking at the time. When she came on to bowl her last spell in international cricket at Lord's last month, she was still among the finest pacers in the women's game. She may have been nearing 40, but she proved a handful for the England batters, as she took two wickets as well as an excellent low catch at slip in her farewell game.

The Women in Blue won that final ODI in the three-match series to complete their first ever clean sweep in England. But the way they finished the match invited controversy, as Deepti Sharma ran out Charlie Dean, who had raised hopes of a most unlikely win, for backing up too far. That took some of the attention away from Jhulan. Opinions on the incident differed.

There cannot be any difference of opinion about Jhulan's legacy, though. She ended her career as one of the greatest bowlers of all time. She was counted among the fastest bowlers in the women's game and inspired several young girls in India to take up pace bowling.

Jhulan's inspiration was an Australian. She watched in awe Cathryn Fitzpatrick bowling against New Zealand in the final of the 1997 Women's World Cup at Kolkata's Eden Gardens. She was a ball girl.

Until then, she had been following various sports, not just cricket. "I had already started playing a bit of tennis-ball cricket, but watching that World Cup final at such close quarters made me want to be a cricketer," she had said in Goa. "I felt I too should one day play in a World Cup final."

She actually played in two, but ended up on the losing side on both occasions. She spoke, on the eve of her farewell game, about how she would have loved to win one of those finals.

For someone of her generation – when international female cricketers in India travelled in unreserved compartments on trains and slept in dormitories – featuring in a World Cup final was an achievement in itself. She had started playing cricket at a time when there was little to play for.

But she had fallen in love with the game. She would hop on to the train at the Chakdaha station at 5 in the morning, and then board a bus from Sealdah to reach Vivekananda Park in Kolkata by 7.30 to attend the coaching camp. After training for a couple of hours, she would travel back home in time to go to school.

Her pace and skills soon caught the eye of the women who mattered in Indian cricket. She was given the India cap in 2002, for the first ODI against England at Chennai.

"All I wanted was to take one wicket for India," she said. "And I just wanted to keep that Indian jersey with me."

Jhulan actually took two in that match and went on to take many more for India. She claimed 355 international wickets, in fact – more than anybody else in women's cricket. She also has more wickets in Women's ODIs than anyone else – 255.

"I would say she is one of the top five bowlers of all time in women's cricket," says Anju. "She matured as a bowler over the years – earlier if she was hit, you could be certain that her next ball would be faster or a bouncer – and evolved into a complete package."

Jhulan was remarkably accurate, could swing the ball and was marvellously consistent. She sharpened India's attack considerably and helped the team win in a variety of conditions. One of her own favourite performances came in England. She took 10 wickets to help the Indian women win their first Test in England, at Taunton in 2006.

"Before Jhulan, our bowling was predominantly spin," says Shubhangi, whose leg-spin had given India its first-ever Test win, over West Indies, back in 1976. "And she has been a huge inspiration for all our young pace bowlers."

She remembers Jhulan as an enthusiastic student of the game. "When I first saw her, she already had a good action but she wanted to learn more about cricket," says Shubhangi. "She would pick anybody's brain."

The latter part of her career has seen Jhulan guiding the younger pacers in the Indian team as well as in her State team. Renuka Singh, Meghna Singh and Pooja Vastrakar must have benefited from sharing the Indian dressing room with her.

But India will struggle to fill the void she has left behind. "The Indian team will miss her not just as a player but as a person as well," says Anju. "She has an aura about her; she takes everyone along with her and she has been a great team player."

Shubhangi feels she needs to be around the Indian women's team as a mentor for pace bowlers. Jhulan may not mind that at all.

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Carlos Alcaraz	19	6,740	17
2	Rafael Nadal	36	5,810	10
3	Casper Ruud	23	5,645	23
4	Daniil Medvedev	26	5,065	20
5	Alexander Zverev	25	5,040	19
6	Stefanos Tsitsipas	24	4,810	22
7	Novak Djokovic	35	3,820	12
8	Cameron Norrie	27	3,445	24
9	Andrey Rublev	24	3,345	23
10	Hubert Hurkacz	25	3,175	21
11	Taylor Fritz	24	3,055	22
12	Jannik Sinner	21	3,040	21
13	Felix Auger-Aliassime	22	2,950	24
14	Marin Cilic	34	2,495	20
15	Pablo Carreno Busta	31	2,360	23

Top Indians ▶

Ramkumar Ramanathan
Rank 297 ▲ 2 spots

Prajnesh Gunneswaran
Rank 350 ▼ 2 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Iga Swiatek	21	10,180	16
2	Ons Jabeur	28	4,885	18
3	Anett Kontaveit	26	4,010	19
4	Paula Badosa	24	3,934	24
5	Aryna Sabalenka	24	3,470	20
6	Jessica Pegula	28	3,447	16
7	Maria Sakkari	27	3,355	21
8	Coco Gauff	18	3,047	17
9	Simona Halep	31	3,025	19
10	Caroline Garcia	28	2,930	21
11	Daria Kasatkina	25	2,895	21
12	Veronika Kudermetova	25	2,561	21
13	Garbine Muguruza	28	2,406	19
14	Belinda Bencic	25	2,305	18
15	Beatriz Haddad Maia	26	2,295	31

Top Indians ▶

Ankita Raina
Rank 273 ▲ 1 spot

Karman Thandi
Rank 321 ▲ 2 spots

F1 Drivers' standings

#	Driver	Team	Points	Wins
1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull Racing	341	11
2	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	237	3
3	Sergio Perez	Red Bull Racing	235	2
4	George Russell	Mercedes	203	0
5	Carlos Sainz	Ferrari	202	1
6	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	170	0
7	Lando Norris	McLaren	100	0
8	Esteban Ocon	Alpine	66	0
9	Fernando Alonso	Alpine	59	0
10	Valtteri Bottas	Alfa Romeo	46	0
11	Daniel Ricciardo	McLaren	29	0
12	Sebastian Vettel	Aston Martin	24	0
13	Pierre Gasly	AlphaTauri	23	0
14	Kevin Magnussen	Haas	22	0
15	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin	13	0
16	Mick Schumacher	Haas	12	0
17	Yuki Tsunoda	AlphaTauri	11	0
18	Zhou Guanyu	Alfa Romeo	6	0
19	Alex Albon	Williams	4	0
20	Nyck de Vries	Williams	2	0
21	Nicholas Latifi	Williams	0	0

Max Verstappen

Charles Leclerc

F1 Constructors' standings

Pos	Team	Points	Wins	Podiums
1	Red Bull	576	13	21
2	Ferrari	439	4	16
3	Mercedes	373	0	13
4	McLaren	129	0	1
5	Alpine	125	0	0
6	Alfa Romeo	52	0	0
7	Aston Martin	37	0	0
8	Haas	34	0	0
9	AlphaTauri	34	0	0
10	Williams	6	0	0

Badminton Men's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	Viktor Axelsen	122,606	31
2	Anders Antonsen	92,700	26
3	Lee Zii Jia	91,578	31
4	Chou Tien Chen	89,576	28
5	Loh Kean Yew	81,594	26
6	Anthony Sinisuka Ginting	80,379	25
7	Kento Momota	78,304	19
8	Jonatan Christie	76,912	26
9	Lakshya Sen	75,574	28
10	Kunlavut Vitidsarn	70,849	27
11	K. Srikanth	66,811	34
12	Ng Ka Long Angus	66,287	24
13	Rasmus Gemke	65,791	26
14	H.S. Prannoy	64,330	30
15	Kenta Nishimoto	63,069	24

Top Indians ▶

Lakshya Sen
Rank 9

K. Srikanth
Rank 11

Badminton Women's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	Akane Yamaguchi	112,013	25
2	Tai Tzu Ying	108,045	18
3	An Se Young	103,553	30
4	Chen Yu Fei	97,806	18
5	Carolina Marin	93,230	20
6	P.V. Sindhu	87,218	29
7	Ratchanok Intanon	85,549	27
8	Pornpawee Chochuwong	78,265	32
9	Nozomi Okuhara	77,840	13
10	He Bing Jiao	77,684	21
11	Wang Zhi Yi	72,678	21
12	Busanan Ongbamrungphan	70,244	36
13	Michelle Li	64,410	27
14	Sayaka Takahashi	60,503	20
15	Mia Blichfeldt	57,279	20

Top Indians ▶

P.V. Sindhu
Rank 6

Saina Nehwal
Rank 30

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Joe Root	887	923
2	Marnus Labuschagne	885	936
3	Babar Azam	879	879
4	Steve Smith	848	947
5	Rishabh Pant	801	801
6	Kane Williamson	786	919
7	Usman Khawaja	766	779
8	Dimuth Karunaratne	748	782
9	Rohit Sharma	746	813
10	Jonny Bairstow	719	772

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Pat Cummins	891	914
2	R. Ashwin	842	904
3	Shaheen Afridi	828	836
4	Jasprit Bumrah	828	835
5	James Anderson	825	903
6	Kagiso Rabada	799	902
7	Kyle Jamieson	788	836
8	Kemar Roach	756	780
9	Neil Wagner	747	859
10	Mitchell Starc	739	806

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Babar Azam	890	898
2	R. van der Dussen	789	796
3	Quinton de Kock	784	813
4	Imam-ul-Haq	779	815
5	Virat Kohli	744	911
6	Rohit Sharma	740	885
7	Jonny Bairstow	732	796
8	David Warner	725	880
9	Ross Taylor	701	841
10	Steve Smith	697	752

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Trent Boult	775	775
2	Josh Hazlewood	718	733
3	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	676	712
4	Jasprit Bumrah	662	841
5	Shaheen Afridi	661	688
6	Mohammad Nabi	657	657
7	Mehedi Hasan	655	725
8	Matt Henry	654	691
9	Mitchell Starc	653	783
10	Rashid Khan	651	806

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Mohammad Rizwan	854	875
2	Suryakumar Yadav	838	854
3	Babar Azam	801	896
4	Aiden Markram	777	796
5	Dawid Malan	733	915
6	Aaron Finch	707	900
7	Devon Conway	683	784
8	Pathum Nissanka	677	698
9	Muhammad Waseem	636	703
10	Martin Guptill	628	793

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Josh Hazlewood	737	806
2	Rashid Khan	696	816
3	Wanindu Hasaranga	692	797
4	Adam Zampa	691	743
5	Tabraiz Shamsi	688	821
6	Adil Rashid	685	746
7	Maheesh Theekshana	680	680
8	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	677	745
9	Akeal Hosein	665	681
10	Keshav Maharaj	662	662

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No.EE/PWD/KPL/JE-4/2022-23:2536 Dated:03-10-2022

NOTIFICATION

SUB: Invite for Quotations.

Quotations are invited for the preparation of the estimate for electrification, furnitures, sound system & stage decoration to Koppal Rangamandir approved in 2020-21 & 2022-23 in KKRDB Macro interested agencies are submit the quotations inclusive all taxes on or before 13-10-2022 upto 4.00 PM. Any clarifications to contatct this office upto 13-10-2022 in office hours.

Sd/-Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Koppal.

DIPR/Koppal/363/MCA/2022-23

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

INVITATION FOR TENDER
(Through e-procurment portal only)

BWSSB invites Tender in Two Stage tender system from eligible contractors for the following Works

Office of the Chief Engineer (WWM)-West, 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore-09.

Sl. No.	Division	IFT Number	Amount Put to Tender / EMD Amount	Last date & Time for submission of tender	Date & Time for opening of tender
1.	WWM-Project H&A	BWSSB/EEWWM-Project/H&A/AE/108/2022-23 Dt: 06-10-2022	Rs.92,07,000/- / Rs.1,85,000/-	17-10-2022 upto 5.00 p.m.	18-10-2022 at 4.30 p.m.

The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** For further details contact the undersigned office during working hours.

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Office of the Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Division, Begur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru-560 068

No.: BBMP/EE/BD/Tend-09/2022-23 Date: 06.10.2022

CORRIGENDUM

Sub: Tender for various works in Bommanahalli Division through E-Procurement-Reg.

Ref: IFT No.: BBMP/EE/BD/Tend-09/2022-23, Dtd: 21.09.2022

With reference to the above Tender Notification, for all the Indent no's the change in the last date of submission of online tender document & etc., on e-procurement portal due to technical reason are rescheduled as follows:

Particulars	As specified in IFT	As modified & read as
Pre-bid Meeting will be held	Dated: 28.09.2022 at 11:00 a.m.	**Dated: 11.10.2022 at 11:00 a.m.**
Last date of submission of online tender documents on e-procurement portal	Dated: 12.10.2022 at 4:00 p.m.	**Dated: 17.10.2022 at 4:00 p.m.**
Opening of Technical bid	Dated: 13.10.2022 at 4:30 p.m. onwards	**Dated: 18.10.2022 at 4:30 p.m. onwards**
Opening of Financial bid	After approval of Technical bids.	**After approval of Technical bids.**

Note: All other terms and conditions remain unaltered and if any changes will be uploaded on e-procurement portal only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Division, BBMP

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Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Chikkamagaluru Division, Chikkamagaluru

Short-Term Tender Notification No.: 25/22-23 Date: 30.09.2022

In the Tender Notice seen above Tender is invited through e-proc from eligible contractors for total 113 works (through e-proc for 110 works and through manual for 3 works) coming under Chikkamagaluru, Mudigere, Koppa and Kadur Taluk Public Works Department sub divisions of Chikkamagaluru District. Details of capabilities to undertaking or having implemented the works (as per Standard Tender Document KW-1, 2, 3 & 4) should be attached. Contractors can be awarded the contract only if they have the minimum eligibilities as mentioned in Act 3. Minimum Approx. Amount Rs. 3.00 lakhs and Maximum Approx. Amount Rs. 130.00 lakhs. For the Tender called through manual for 3 works eligible contractors should pay the prescribed fee and submit application requesting blank Tender Form on 20.10.2022 and 21.10.2022, obtain blank Tender Form on 27.10.2022 and submit filled Tenders on 29.10.2022 up to 4.00 PM. For Tender to be submitted through e-proc for 110 works (on 29.10.2022 for 4 works, on 21.10.2022 for 27 works, 20.10.2022 for 30 works, 27.10.2022 for 20 works, on 18.10.2022 for 24 works and on 17.10.2022 for 5 works within 4.00 PM on everyday) tender should be submitted. In case these days are declared as holidays the next days will be considered. For further details the case worker can be contacted during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Chikkamagaluru Division, Chikkamagalur.

DIPR/ckm/No.161/mca/22-23/1047

Office of The Executive Engineer, PWD Special Division, Shivamogga

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Short-Term Tender Postponement Notice I.F.T. No.: 36/2022-23 Date: 06.10.2022

Short-Term Tender Postponement Notice (1)

Reference: 1) I.F.T. No.: 36/2022-23 Date: 01.10.2022

In the Tender Notice of this Office invited vide Reference (1), 01 work of Bhadravathi Taluk in Sl. No. 1 of the Table has been postponed due to unavoidable reasons. Now the dates are re fixed as below. The amount put to the Tender for the works is Rs. 60.00 lakhs and E.M.D. amount is Rs. 1.20 lakhs. Tender period is 06 months including Rainy Season.

Tender Schedule Dates in e-procurement are as below.

1. Tender publishing date / time:- Date fixed earlier :01.10.2022 Postponed date: 06.10.2022 Time: 11.00

2. Last date / time for receipt of Tender:- Date fixed earlier :10.10.2022 Postponed date: 14.10.2022 Time: 17.00

3. Date / time of opening Technical Bid:- Date fixed earlier :11.10.2022 Postponed date: 15.10.2022 Time: 17.00

4. Date / time of opening Financial Bid:- Date fixed earlier :12.10.2022 Postponed date: 17.10.2022 Time: 11.00

There are no changes in the other details. For further information this office can be contacted during office hours. (Phone No.: 08182-222942)

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Special Division, Shivamogga

DIPR/smg/No.38/10/mca/22-23/1054

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Corporate Office, Procurement Section, CESC, Mysuru-570017.
Phone No.:9448994705 Website: www.cescmysore.org Email:gmpurc@cescmysore.org

NO:CESC/GM(P)/DGM(P)/AGM (P-1)/2022-23/13882 Date: 30-09-2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement Portal Only)

CESC, Mysore invites Short Term Tenders from eligible bidders for the following works:

Providing continuous Power supply to NJY left out villages under Total Turnkey Basis

Sl.No.	Works Details	Enquiry No. / Date
1.	Extending Power Supply to Left Out Vilages/Sub Villages from the seggregated **Hanumanthapura Feeder** in KIADB, Hassan Sub Division, Hassan Division	C2-5320/30-09-2022
2.	Extending Power Supply to Left Out Vilages/Sub Villages from the seggregated **Kandali Feeder** in KIADB, Hassan Sub Division, Hassan Division	C2-5321/30-09-2022
3.	Extending Power Supply to Left Out Vilages/Sub Villages, Seggregation of Agricultural Feeders in **Sakaleshpura Division**	C2-5322/30-09-2022
4.	Extending Power Supply to Left Out Vilages/Sub Villages from the segregated Non-agricultural **Shravaneri Feeder** in S.Belagola MUSS, Housing Board O&M Section, C.R.Pattana Sub Division, C.R.Pattana Division	C2-5323/30-09-2022
5.	Extending Power Supply to Left Out Vilages/Sub Villages from the segregated Non-agricultural **Gullenahlli Feeder** in Mattanavalli MUSS & Jogipura Feeder in Shettyhalli MUSS, Hemavathi O&M Section, C.R.Pattana Sub Division, **C.R.Pattana Division**	C2-5324/30-09-2022
6.	Extending Power Supply to Left Out Vilages/Sub Villages, Seggregation of Agricultural Feeders in **Holenarasipura Division**	C2-5325/30-09-2022
7.	Extending Power Supply to Left Out Vilages/Sub Villages, Seggregation of Agricultural Feeders in **Haranahalli Seciton, Arasikere** Division	C2-5326/30-09-2022
8.	Extending Power Supply to Left Out Vilages/Sub Villages, Seggregation of Agricultural Feeders in **Gandsi Seciton, Arasikere** Division	C2-5327/30-09-2022
9.	Extending Power Supply to Left Out Vilages/Sub Villages, Seggregation of Agricultural Feeders in **Belagumba, Javagal, Kanakatte, Maruthinagara, Banavara & D.M.Kurke Secitons,** Arasikere Division	C2-5328/30-09-2022
10.	Providing NJY power supply to Non-Agricultural load by bifurcating agricultural & non-agricultural load which are left out in NJY Scheme in **Pandavapura** Division	C2-5329/30-09-2022
11.	Providing NJY power supply to Non-Agricultural load by bifurcating agricultural & non-agricultural load which are left out in NJY Scheme (Moodanahalli Feeder) in **Akkihebbalu Section, K.R.Pete** Division	C2-5330/30-09-2022
12.	Providing NJY power supply to Non-Agricultural load by bifurcating agricultural & non-agricultural load which are left out in NJY Scheme (Moodalakoppalu & Ambadikaval Feeder) in **Akkihebbalu Section, K.R.Pete** Division	C2-5331/30-09-2022
13.	Providing NJY power supply to Non-Agricultural load by bifurcating agricultural & non-agricultural load which are left out in NJY Scheme in **Sheelanere Section, K.R.Pete** Division	C2-5332/30-09-2022
14.	Providing NJY power supply to Non-Agricultural load by bifurcating agricultural & non-agricultural load which are left out in NJY Scheme in **Vitttalapura Section, K.R.Pete** Division	C2-5333/30-09-2022
15.	Providing NJY power supply to Non-Agricultural load by bifurcating agricultural & non-agricultural load which are left out in NJY Scheme in Bookanahalli & S.B Halli Section, **K.R.Pete** Division	C2-5334/30-09-2022
16.	Providing NJY power supply to Non-Agricultural load by bifurcating agricultural & non-agricultural load which are left out in NJY Scheme in **Mandagere Section, K.R.Pete** Division	C2-5335/30-09-2022
17.	Providing NJY power supply to Non-Agricultural load by bifurcating agricultural & non-agricultural load which are left out in NJY Scheme in **Mandagere Section, K.R.Pete** Division	C2-5336/30-09-2022
18.	Providing NJY power supply to Non-Agricultural load by bifurcating agricultural & non-agricultural load which are left out in NJY Scheme in **Kikkeri Section, K.R.Pete** Division	C2-5337/30-09-2022
19.	Providing NJY power supply to Non-Agricultural load by bifurcating agricultural & non-agricultural load which are left out in NJY Scheme in **Mandagere Section and Installation of Switch Gears in Kikkeri, Mandagere & Akkihebbalu MUSS, K.R.Pete** Division	C2-5338/30-09-2022
20.	Providing NJY power supply to Non-Agricultural load by bifurcating agricultural & non-agricultural load which are left out in NJY Scheme in Devalapura, Belluru & Kadabahalli Section, **Nagamangala** Division	C2-5339/30-09-2022
21.	Providing NJY power supply to Non-Agricultural load by bifurcating agricultural & non-agricultural load which are left out in NJY Scheme in **Belluru Section,** Nagamangala Division	C2-5340/30-09-2022
22.	Providing NJY power supply to Non-Agricultural load by bifurcating agricultural & non-agricultural load which are left out in NJY Scheme **in Belluru & Bindiganavile Sections and Switch Gears in Vadayarahalli MUSS, Nagamangala** Division	C2-5341/30-09-2022
23.	Providing NJY power supply to Non-Agricultural load by bifurcating agricultural & non-agricultural load which are left out in NJY Scheme in Hanur Sub Division, **Kollegala** Division	C2-5342/30-09-2022

Sl.No.	Description of Materials	Enquiry No. / Date
1.	Sale of LT AC Single Phase Two wire 5-30A Whole Current Static Energy Meter through Retail Outlets in CESC jurisdiction on Rate Contract Basis.	C2-5343/30-09-2022
2.	Sale of LT AC 3 Phase Four wire 5-30A Whole Current Static Energy Meter through Retail Outlets in CESC jurisdiction on Rate Contract Basis.	C2-5344/30-09-2022
3.	Replacement of Electromechanical Meters with the static Energy Meters in CESC Jurisdiction on Total Turnkey Basis.	C2-5345/30-09-2022
4.	Supplying of EHV Grade New Transformer Oil to CESC Jurisdiction	C2- 5346/30-09-2022
5.	Supply of 9 kV, 5kA Polymeric Type Lightening Arrestor to CESC	C2- 5347/30-09-2022

Sl.No.	Description of Work	Name of the Taluk	Enquiry No. / Date
1.	Services repair & Reconditioning of conventional type and 3, 4 star rated 25, 63 & 100KVA 11KV class aluminum wound Distribution Transformer and conversion of sealed /CSP type transformer to conventional type under buyback scheme at Taluk headquarters	DM Kurke / Banavara	C2- 5348/30-09-2022

The details regarding participation in the tender can be obtained through e-procurement portal http//www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after **10-10-2022** For clarification contact help desk **080-46010000/22631200/68948777** or e-mail address **support@eprochelpdesk.com.**

For Electricity related complaints Call: 1912

Sd/- General Manager (Procurement), CESC, Mysuru.

DIPR/MYS/KAVITA/544/2022-23

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

No.: KPCL/2022-23/PS/WORK_INDENT12984 Dt: 03.10.2022

ABSTRACT TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement portal only)

Tenders are invited in two cover system through GoK e-Portal **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for the work of **RTPS-Repair/servicing works of defective servo valves along with optional spares required for rectification works of Unit # 5,6,7&8.** Last date & time for receipt of tender: **29.10.2022, 17.00 hrs.** Date & time for operation of bids: **Technical bid: 31.10.2022 at 17.00 hrs Price Bid: 02.11.2022 at 17.00 hrs.** All the reievant details of the bids are available in the above mentioned e-Portal. Any further details can be had from the office of the **Executive Engineer (I-4), RTPS/ KPCL Shakthinagar-584170 Raichur District.**

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT, DIVISION, DHARWAD.

Reg : This office tender Notification No. **29/2022-23** Dated:**06.10.2022**

SECTION 1: INVITATION FOR TENDERS (IFT) (Two Cover System), KW-3

The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Division, Dharwad, invites tenders for total of **05** Works for **Gadag** Sub Divisions, comes under this undersigned office in Standard Bid Document **KW-3** through e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka, viz., http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from eligible contractors for the work under Head of Account: **4702-MOT (Total of 05 works);** Maximum Estimate Amount: Rs.**100.00** Lakhs, Maximum E.M.D amount Rs.**1.69** Lakhs and Minimum Estimate Amount: Rs.**100.00;** Minimum E.M.D amount Rs.**1.68** Lakhs. Period of downloading tender documents from e-procurement portal is from **07/10/2022 to 21/10/2022** upto**17:30**hrs. And any other Corrigendum/Addendum and Postponement of Notification, Changes in the dates, if any will be published only through http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**.** Other details may be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days. Details published on the e-procurement website @ **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** are final

SD/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER M.I & G.W.D. DIVISION, DHARWAD

DIPR/GDG/356/2022-23/DESHPANDEPUBLICITY

Government of Karnataka

Karnataka Forest Department

Office of The Conservator of Forests, Working Plan and Survey, Shivamogga

e-Tender Notice No.: WPSS/A2/D&P/e-tender/CR-22/2022-23 Date: 03.10.2022

Through e-procurement

Short-Term e-Tenders are invited through e-procurement for implementation of the work of "Survey and Demarcation of Notified Forests by providing and Fixing RCC Pillars and formation of Cairns" in notified forest areas of various zones of Shivamogga, Bhadravathi, Sagar , Shivamogga Wildlife Division and Mangaluru, Kundapura and Kudremukh Wildlife Divisions for the year 2022-23, for 78 works of total approx. amount of Rs. 827.47 lakhs. Interested, eligible Forest Contractors can submit tenders within 4.00 PM on 11.10.2022. Can participate in the tender by confirming the details as published in the e-Admini strative Center or in www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in For more information this office can be contacted during office hours on Phone No.: 08182-250785.

Sd/- Deputy Conservator of Forests and Technical Assistant to Conservator of Forests Working Plan and Survey, Shivamogga.

DIPR/smg/No.24/10/mca/22-23/1031

KARNATAKA RURAL ROAD DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Office of the Executive Engineer, Project Division (PMGSY), Chikkaballapur, # 441, 3rd Floor, IDSMT Layout, APMC Back Door, Chikkaballapur. Ph: 08156-274638
e-mail: **pmgsycbp@gmail.com**

No.EE/PD/CBP/TENDER/Corrigendum-01/2022-23/393 Date: 03.10.2022

CORRIGENDUM-01

Due to technical issues reference to this office tender notification no.: 307-312/2022-23 dated: 06.09.2022 tender calendar of events are extended is as follows:

Calendar of events of tendering is as follows: (1) Last date for receipt of tender: **19.10.2022 upto 16.30 Hours. (2)** Last date & time for Tender Queries: **17.10.2022 upto 11.00.00. (3)** Date & time for opening of technical bid: **21.10.2022, 16.35 hours. (4)** Date & time for opening of financial bid: **27.10.2022, 16.40 hours onwards,** or soon after completing the Technical bid evaluation of tender.

All other temrs and conditions shall however remain unaltered as thereof in the original tender notification.

Sd/- Tendering Officer, Executive Engineer, Project Division (PMGSY), Chikkaballapaur.

DIPR/Chikkaballapura/R.O. No.291/MCA/2022-23

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VISVESVARAYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka enterprise)
Executive Engineer,VJNL, UBP, Division No.04, Hosadurga
Ph/Fax No: 08199 – 230018 e.mail I.D: eeubpdvn4@gmail.com

No: EE/UBP/VJNL/DIV-04/SB/TD.NO.18,19,22&23/2022-23
Date: 28.09.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (TWO COVER SYSTEM)

(Only through E-PROCUREMENT SYSTEM)

Percentage tender through e-portal in Two cover system is invited by the Executive Engineer, VJNL, UBP, Division No. 4 Hosadurga on behalf of the Managing Director, Visvesvaraya Jala Nigam Ltd, from the eligible contractors who fulfils the pre-qualification conditions for the works **"Indent no:- 2355,2338,2337& 2341".** The Contractors can download and submit the completed bid documents through e-procurement website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from **03/10/2022**. For the work indents **2355 & 2241** Pre bid meeting will be held on **11/10/2022** on O/o Chief Engineer, VJNL, UBP Zone, Chitradurga at **11.30 hrs** Details such as Amount put to tender/ EMD amount/ qualification of Bidders/ Tender conditions/Tender processing fee etc can be obtained through e-procurement or from the office of the under signed during the office hours up to **17/10/2022 (3.30 hours)**. The date for submission of completed tenders is **18/10/2022** at **5.25 PM**. The tender will be opened on **19/10/2022 @ 5.30 PM** at the office of the Executive Engineer, VJNL, UBP Division No.04, Hosadurga through e-procurement. The date of opening of Financial Bid will be intimated to the qualified bidders. The authority competent to accept the tenders shall have the right of rejecting all or any of the tenders without assigning any reasons and will not bound to accept the lowest tender. **Note: EPF Registration Certificate is mandatory; the tenders of the bidder who fails to upload EPF Registration Certificate will be disqualified.**

DIPR/CTA/MCA/600/2022-23 Sd/- Executive Engineer

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(MAHATMA GANDHI HYDRO ELECTRIC POWER HOUSE)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

No. KPCL/2022-23/PS/WORK_INDENT 12867 Date: 05.09.2022

e-TENDER NOTIFICATION-CORRIGENDUM-1

Name of work: **Design, Supply, Erection & commissioning of numerical relays for generator and generator transformer protection for Units - 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 & 8 at MGHE** works. **The Revised Dates are**: Last date for online submission of tender: **13.10.2022 at 16.00 Hrs.** Opening of Technical Bid: **14.10.2022 at 16.30 Hrs.** Opening of Financial Bid: **15.10.2022 at 16.45 Hrs.** All other Terms and Conditions of the e-Tender Notification will remain same. Corrigendum will be available in e-Procurement Portal. Further details can be obtained from the office of the **Executive Engineer (EM&O),** MGHE Works, KPCL, Jogfalls - 577 435, Sagar - Tq., Shivamogga - Dist. Karnataka. Mobile: 94495 98853. E-mail: eeemghejog@gmail.com

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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.: SEE/Tr(W&M)C/MRB/EE(O)AEE-2/T-64/22-23/4219-28 Dt: 06.10.2022

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)

KPTCL invites tenders for the following work.

Bid Enquiry No.: SEE/Tr.(W&M)C/MRB/EE(O)/AEE-2/22-23/SERVICES_400kV/TLM Dt. 30.09.2022 for **"Outsourcing the services of Ten(10) Nos. of Manpower's required at 400kV TLM Sub-Division, KPTCL Toranagallu by an external agency under the jurisdiction of Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL Munirabad through labour contract basis".**

Tenders will be received through E-Procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"eProcurement-KPTCL"** or directly logging on to website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **10.10.2022 at 11:00 Hrs** details can be obtained from the office of the under signed.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Ele Tr.(W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Munirabad
Phone: 08539-270094

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that We, **M/s. DSR Infrastructure Pvt Ltd** represented by its CEO & Authorised Signatory **Sri.K.S. Satyanarayana Reddy,** have lost the below mentioned Original Documents at the time of Relocating of our office premises;

S.NO.	DOCUMENT NAME	REG.DATE	DOCUMENT NUMBER	REGISTRATION OFFICE
1	Sale Deed	23.05.2009	BDH-1-00452/2009-10, Book I, stored in C.D.No. BDHD22	The Sub-Registrar, Bidarahalli, Bengaluru
2	Sale Deed	30.04.2009	BDH-1-00261/2009-10, Book I, stored in C.D.No. BDHD22	The Sub-Registrar, Bidarahalli, Bengaluru

pertaining to **Sy. No.21/3 of Seegehalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk**, Bengaluru Urban District. If anybody has found the same, please contact/return it to the below mentioned address:

Sri.K.S. Satyanarayana Reddy
(CEO & Authorised Signatory)
M/s. DSR Infrastructure Pvt Ltd,
BBMP Khatha No.639/6456/1, Survey No.68 (P),
4th Floor, Block C, DSR TECHNO CUBE,
Thubarahalli Village, Varthur Main Road,
Bengaluru - 560 066.

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Hemavathy Right Bank Canal Division, Holenarasipura - 573211

Short term Tender Notification No. 14/2022-23/651
Dated: 06.10.2022

Item ratetender is invited through e-procurement portal only for the below mentioned work in two cover system as per KW-3 Format by the Executive Engineer, HemavathyRight Bank canal Division, Holenarasipura Hassan Dist., Karnataka State on behalf of the Managing Director, Cauvery NeeravariNigama Limited, Bangalore from the eligible Contractors of KPWD/CPWD/Other Public Sector Organizations. The details of events are below. 1.Tender processing charges (in Rs.) :Refer as per e-Procurement. 2.The contractor can have access to e-tender document from 07.10.2022 to 15.10.2022 up to 4.00 pm. 3.Last date for submission of tender is 15.10.2022 up to 4.00 pm. 4.Cover –I (Technical bid) will be opened in the office of Executive Engineer, CNNL, Hemavathi right bank canal division Holenarasipuraon 17.10.2022 at 11.00 AM. 5.Cover –II (Financial bid)18.10.2022or after approval of technical bid. 6.No. of work: 05 Packageworks 7.Nature of work: CC road, drain and temple works 8.Cost of work: Varying from Rs. 59.10lakhs to Rs. 83.61 lakhs 9.EMD: Varying from Rs. 1.18lakhs to Rs. 1.67 lakhs 10.Class of Contractor:Class-III and above. Note:- 1.The under signed reserves rights to reject or accept the tenders at any time without giving any reasons. 2.The amount put to tender is subject to variation and the details of tender can be had in the e-procurement portal www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and also during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, CNNL, HRBC Division, Holenarasipura

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INBRIEF

Dasara elephants return to forest camps from Mysuru

The Dasara elephants have returned to their forest camps bidding adieu to Mysuru on Friday after yet another successful Jamboo Savari.

All 14 elephants and the male calf delivered to Lakshmi left the city in separate trucks along with their mahouts and kavadis to their jungle homes. They got an affectionate farewell from the Forest Department and onlookers who had gathered in big numbers outside the palace cheered the jumbos and shouted "Come back, next year." While leaving, the elephants raised their trunks and the people gave them a round of applause for their service. Some elephants were reluctant to leave and the forest staff had to use the services of Abhimanyu to push them, particularly Srirama, on to the trucks.

Kisan Swaraj Sammelan to be held in Mysuru in November

The city will host the 5th Kisan Swaraj Sammelan of Alliance for Sustainable and Holistic Agriculture (ASHA) from November 11 to 13 in collaboration with KSOU.

Krishna Prasad of Sahaja Samruddha said the sammelan will showcase farmer-empowering equitable, sustainable and viable alternatives in agriculture. It is also an effort to reach citizens and involve them in the discussions and debates related to food and farming systems in the country, he added.

Exhibition and sale of traditional Kanchi Pattu sarees

N.C. Santhanam Silks and Sarees has organized an exhibition and sale of Kanchi traditional Kanchi Pattu sarees on October 8.

The exhibition and sale has been organized at The Koramangala Club, 6th Cross, 6th Block, Koramangala from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

TBM Rudra stuck after encountering garbage pile 33 feet below earth

Officials were shocked to find buckets, footwear and decayed bones underground. More than four decades ago the area used to be a granite quarry

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Rudra, the tunnel boring machine (TBM) of Namma Metro project, is stuck for a reason that officials could never have anticipated. It has hit, not a hard rock, but a massive pile of garbage.

Like other tunnel boring machines that have been deployed for building a tunnel network of 14-km under phase II of Namma Metro from Dairy Circle to Nagawara, Rudra too was working fine after successfully starting its journey from Dairy Circle towards Lakkasandra. But a few weeks ago, officials noticed that the machine was unable to carry out drilling work as it encountered unusual hurdles. The staff, who took a peek through the cutter heads of the machine, were in for a shock. They found a huge garbage pile blocking the way of the giant machine. This was at the depth of 33 feet from the surface.

"Instead of rocks or other geological features, our staff found garbage in front of the machine. All were shocked to find garbage in the bowels of the earth. In Bengaluru, tunnel works have faced various challenges because of geographical challenges but facing garbage as a hurdle is unheard of," said the MD of the BMRCL Anjum Parwez.

After much deliberation, they found out that, decades ago, the State government had permitted quarrying in the area. Over the years, private owners, who had properties adjacent to quarry, also started illegal quarrying. "Later, the then civic agency converted the quarry land to a dumping site. Subsequently, people who owned the property started covering the dumping site with debris and sand. They have even sold many properties. On the same land many makeshift structures have come up over the years," explained Mr. Parvez.

The official said that as per the assessment made by the officials, the garbage dump extends to about 35 metres from where the machine is stuck. BMRCL has started taking all required safety measures including shifting of marble shops and others establishments located near the site.

Namma Metro project work under way on Bannerghatta Road near Dairy Circle in Bengaluru on Friday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

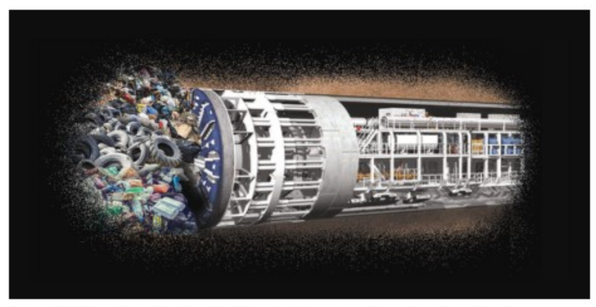
Footwear, bags, tyres, bones found

Hegga Reddy, executive director of the BMRCL supervising the tunnel work project, recalled the shock of the discovery, "We found plastic buckets, tyres, bags, disintegrating bones... With great difficulty, the machine drilled through about 6 meters. But as it proceeded, the magnitude of the problem became obvious as it encountered a huge pile of garbage. Then we started drilling holes and to see how long the pile extended. Meanwhile, some people informed us about the granite quarrying activities here decades ago. Satellite images suggested the granite quarry was active even before the 1980s." The official said that another Tunnel Boring Machine is drilling in the opposite direction and has not faced any problem.

No records of quarry

The BMRCL officials said that when soil testing was carried out as a prerequisite prior to carrying out civil works, the presence of quarry land was not detected. "There were no records available about this quarry land. More than four to five decades ago, this area could have been the peripheral area of the then core Bengaluru area," said an official.

The road ahead



A representation of the TBM encountering a pile of garbage.

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BMRCL has found a technical solution to continue the tunnel work, which is currently stuck owing the garbage pile found in the path.

In the coming days, through piling works, garbage will be excavated and replaced with concrete mixtures. The area will be converted to a concrete block with 250 to 300 piles. The machine will cut through the concrete block. However, this will mean a delay of at least three months.

BMRCL has already requested 20-odd shops and commercial establishments to relocate to the other places on a temporary basis. The garbage problem will escalate the tunneling cost as the BMRCL will compensate the shop owners for removing their structures, piling works and others.

"However, it is unlikely to have a major impact on completion of the project as the Kalena Agrahara - Nagawara line is expected to be completed by 2025. We will take all measures to expedite the work after fixing the problem," said MD of the BMRCL Anjum Parwez.

A marble shop owner said, "We have been running our business for over twenty years. Recently, metro officials informed us that tunnel work faced a problem and as a safety measure we have to relocate. We have agreed and also put up banners informing our customers about shifting the shop to a new location nearby."

Krishi Mela to be held from November 3 to 6

Preparation for Krishi Mela under way in Bengaluru on Friday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

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This year's Krishi Mela will be organised from November 3 to 6 at the Gandhi Vignana Krishi Kendra (GKVK) campus in Yelahanka. The theme of the fair organised by the University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS) will be agricultural start-ups. The annual fair is organised to provide insight to farmers about latest technological advancements, new crops and changing climactic conditions.

"The theme of the mela this year is agricultural start-ups. We want youngsters, entrepreneurs and start-ups to get more involved in the agricultural sector," said K.C. Narayana Swamy, Vice Chancellor, UAS. Along with nine new varieties of crops, a total of 38 agricultural technologies will be released this year. The new crops include varieties of paddy which can be harvested in 120 to 125 days, hybrid maize, short duration variety field bean and others.

There will also be expert sessions about the benefits of integrated crop patterns to avoid monocropping. The agricultural achievers will also be awarded under three categories – State, district and taluk level awards.

This year, the mela will start at 10 a.m. and go on till 6 p.m. in the evening and a crowd of around 15,000 people are expected every day. The mela will also be livestreamed on YouTube.

HC imposes ₹1 lakh cost each on two dental colleges for wasting court's time with unnecessary litigation

FROM THE COURT

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The High Court of Karnataka has imposed a cost of ₹1 lakh each on two private dental college for wasting the time of the court by leading a few students to the court in a bid to fill up the vacant seats in the undergraduate dental course for the academic year 2021-22.

A Division Bench comprising Justice B. Veerappa and Justice K.S. Hemalekha passed the order while dismissing the petitions filed by Sri Venkateshwara Dental College and Hospital, Bengaluru and KVG Dental College and Hospital, Sullia in Dakshina Kannada district.

Both the colleges, managed by a single management, had filed the petitions along with six students, showing the addresses of the students as "care of" the colleges even though the students were not admitted to the colleges to the BDS course. The colleges had sought a direction to the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) to open the portal to enable petitioner-students to register for the mop-up round of admission more than a month after the admission through the mop-up round was closed.

The colleges had contending that the petitioner-students could not register for mop-up round held in May 2022 as KEA's portal was not opening for registration and hence sought directions to the KEA to allow them to register for admitting them to the colleges and recognising their admission.

However, the court, from the records, found that mop-up round was held in May for the all-India quota sears by the Medical Counselling Committee and not by the KEA as contended in the petition, and the registration for the mop-up round in Karnataka through KEA was closed way back on April 1.

Wondering how the six petitioner-students, who were not at all admitted to the BDS course in the respective colleges, come under the "care of" the colleges, the Bench said that the colleges had not approached the court with "clean hands" as they used these students only to fill up some of the unfilled seats indirectly by using the present litigation.

It held that the colleges had not only wasted the time of the court and the petitioner-students, but also unnecessarily driven the KEA and other statutory authorities to the courts forcing them to incur expenses on an unnecessary litigation.

NIMHANS to organise five-day national art workshop for persons with disabilities

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NIMHANS, in association with the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, will organise a five-day national-level therapeutic and rehabilitative art workshop for persons with disabilities from October 10.

Persons with mental illness, autism spectrum disorder, intellectual disability, neurological disorders and other multiple disabilities can participate in the workshop. The Departments of Psychiatric Social Work, Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services and Mental Health Education at NIMHANS are jointly organising this workshop to showcase the paintings of persons with disabilities and also to reduce the stigma against them by highlighting their skills.

The artworks made during the workshop will be displayed and sold at the art exhibition on the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, 2022. The participants have to be physically present at the NIMHANS campus for the five-day workshop where art experts from Karnataka Chitrakala Parishat will guide and train them for the same, said Aarti Jagannathan, Additional Professor of Psychiatric Social Work at NIMHANS.

This is the second national-level workshop being conducted at NIMHANS for persons with disabilities. The first one conducted in July 2022 had seen the participation of 25 persons with mental health and neurological disabilities.

"Apart from being therapeutic, any form of art can also act as a medium of employment. In this background, we approached the Centre's Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities for funding and supporting an art workshop and art exhibition for persons with mental health and neurological disabilities and have got their support," Dr. Jagannathan said.

K.S. Meena, who heads the Department of Mental Health Education at NIMHANS, who is one of the co-organisers of this workshop, said, "When it is related to persons with disabilities, art can help in rebuilding social connections and strengthen existing support in communities."

For details and queries those interested can email prspswevents@gmail.com or call: +91 8137890503.

Bangalore Gayana Samaja 52nd music conference from Oct. 9 to 16

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The 52nd music conference of the Bangalore Gayana Samaja will be held from October 9 to 16. This year's theme is 'Vaadya Vaikhari. Vid. D. Balakrishna, a senior veena artiste, has been elected president of this conference.

As part of the event, there will be daily seminars from experts at 10 a.m. In the evening, there will be music concerts. The main concerts will be between 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The events include: Vocal by Sikkil Gurucharan and party (Oct. 9). Vocal by M.K. Sankaran Namboothiri and party (Oct. 10). Bellary Raghavendra and party (Oct. 11). Percussion Ensemble by Laya Surabhi directed by M. Vasudeva Rao (Oct. 12). Veena concert by D. Balakrishna and party (Oct. 13). Vocal concert by Nisha Rajagopaln and party (Oct. 14). Vocal by Ramakrishna Murthy and party (Oct. 15). Vocal duet by Malladi brothers (Oct. 16).

Special Term Deposit Scheme for 666 Days

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Canara Bank has introduced a new Term Deposit Scheme for a period of 666 days for its customers.

According to a release, the special scheme is available for deposits of less than ₹2 crore.

This scheme is offering an interest rate up to 7.5% with an interest rate of 7% p.a. for the General Public and 7.5% p.a. for senior citizens.

This the highest rate of interest offered amongst any Public Sector Bank, the release stated.

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How to make a difference off the track: demystifying the art of race strategy

Strategists in F1 have a lot to do – work with tyre engineers, race engineers and drivers, crunch data, run simulations, have a plan for success and a plan for when that plan fails. As we have seen this season, title fights are shaped by high-stakes calls, informed gambles and puzzling blunders

S. Dipak Ragav

After the first three races this year, Charles Leclerc held a significant lead over title rival Max Verstappen. The Ferrari driver had won two races and finished second in the other whereas Verstappen had retired from two.

Leclerc's campaign, however, faltered after that because of a combination of factors. Verstappen, on the other hand, is on the verge of sealing his second drivers' championship.

While reliability issues and his own errors have contributed to Leclerc's challenge fizzling out, Ferrari's strategic blunders cost him near certain wins in Monaco, Silverstone and even in Hungary to an extent.

Although Ferrari's calls in those races baffled fans and experts, it must be stressed that strategic decisions in a Formula One setting are far more complex than just what happens in those 90 minutes on a Sunday.

During the Singapore Grand Prix weekend, *The Hindu* caught up with two experts in the field of race strategy to demystify the art and learn how teams prepare for various scenarios.

"In its simplest form, strategy is very simple, when you say to yourself, how long is the race and what is the fastest way from A to B, [taking into account] tyre life, degradation, pace between the compounds and pit loss. Theoretically, it is very simple," says Tom McCullough, performance director at Aston Martin F1 team.

"What a strategist needs to do is work very closely with the tyre engineers, race engineers, very close with the drivers and anyone with some input at a senior level, to have role-played as many scenarios as possible that could happen. They need to be good with data and tools and processing stuff, but the hardest bit to teach strategy engineers is what to do when it goes off plan, how to react," he adds.

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To be in a good position to react, a strategy team starts its work well ahead of the race. Tyres figure prominently in the analysis.

"Strategy nowadays starts a good couple of weeks before the start of the race," says Ruth Buscombe, head of strategy at Alfa Romeo Sauber F1 team. "Our first decision is to decide which compounds they want to use in which sessions. Do we want to get rid of some of the race tyres because it's more of a qualifying track or do we need to keep those tyres because it's important to have them on Sunday for the race? So all that work goes on in the background."

About 20 years ago, strategy was decided by the race engineers; but now it has become a specialised department comprising members with a strong core in mathematics, physics or engineering and an aptitude for coding and running simulations. The focus is on the team but the strategy department also analyses competitors, chiefly to gain an understanding of the tyres.

Back when refuelling was in place, strategy was dependent on how long a car could run before pitting because it was quicker when it was at its lightest, carrying the least fuel. The tyres back then were hard and a lot more durable, and not as big a factor.

Currently, pit stops are the quickest they have ever been because only the tyres are changed. Buscombe says this has made strategy more interesting, despite there being one less variable in the equation; the different tyre compounds with higher degradation than before make for an eclectic mix of strategies.

While the impact of strategy calls during a regular dry weekend is marginal, affecting only a few positions, a strategist can make a huge difference when another variable, such as rain, enters the picture.

"When you're making a strategic decision, you're normally gambling for one or two positions maximum," Buscombe explains. "Now in rain, if you get it wrong, you can lose a million minutes. We are talking about hundredths of a second per lap degradation on a medium compound [in dry weather]. So one lap later, I'm going five hundredths slower than the previous lap. Whereas [when it rains], if you are the first chap on intermediate tyres you can go six seconds faster. That's a thousand times more. It is where you can make more of a difference as a team on the operational side."

Even in a dynamic setting where it starts raining, preparation plays a key role in executing a flawless strategy.

"It is like NASA or the air force, where you have procedures in place and you know how you deal with a crisis," Buscombe says. "So you follow a process and most teams have flow charts of 'what happens if it starts raining, who do we then speak to? We get feedback from the driver and then we do this'. We practise these routines, so even if we're not in these exact situations, we are ready."

A modern F1 team uses a lot of software tools, some built in-house, some purchased, to model situations and run simulations. And yet, teams do get things wrong, especially when certain decisions have to be made on the fly.

Asked why this happens, McCullough says, "Well, all of these tools are only as good as the information you're feeding them. So you still rely a lot on people with good situational awareness to look at the tools, step back and look at what's happening and listen to your drivers. Having that dialogue between the key stakeholders who understand the tyres, strategy, set-up and driver, is key. You have to be able to react... because if you just stick to a plan, it invariably will go wrong."

An element that plays a significant role is the feedback from the driver and the trust that flows both ways. "Safety comes first. So in wet conditions, the driver gets a say on whether it is too wet for slicks. It doesn't matter if I say it is faster," says Buscombe.

"During the set-up briefing, we say our baseline for Sunday is this strategy for the weekend but that will depend on how the tyres work and the important thing to do in practice is to evaluate the tyres," explains McCullough. "Then after qualifying, once we have gone through the data, we sit down again and see if we need to change things from what was discussed on Thursday. If you can get a driver engaged in understanding what the plan is, he can help you so much more. So a lot of it is building the picture beforehand.

"We then rely on the feedback from the driver and they are useful tools to see if we are on plan for this or not. What the driver can't see is the pitstop windows if he wants to stop and that is the information we need to give feedback on."

Where Red Bull and Verstappen have got a lot of this right, Ferrari and Leclerc haven't. They will need to repair the trust that has been lost because of some strategic decisions which have left the driver looking baffled and the team seeming reactive and panicky. While there is no doubt that Verstappen has been exceptional on the track, the title race has also been shaped by what has happened off it, illustrating just how important race strategy is in F1.

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GAME THEORY

The 400m hurdles golden age

October 2019 seems to have heralded a golden age in the 400m hurdles, with the ten fastest times for women and nine of the top ten for men coming in this three-year period. While Sydney McLaughlin, who has the three quickest times ever, has dominated the women's event, world record holder Karsten Warholm, Rai Benjamin and Alison Dos Santos have three entries each among the men

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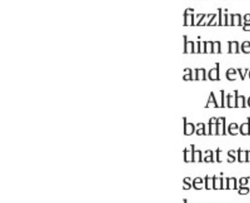
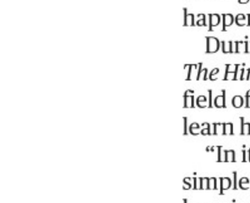


Sydney McLaughlin



Dalilah Muhammad

Mark (seconds)	Athlete	Venue	Date
50.68	Sydney McLaughlin	Eugene (USA)	22 Jul 2022
51.41	Sydney McLaughlin	Eugene (USA)	25 Jun 2022
51.46	Sydney McLaughlin	Tokyo	04 Aug 2021
51.58	Dalilah Muhammad	Tokyo	04 Aug 2021
51.61	Sydney McLaughlin	Nashville (USA)	05 Jun 2022
51.68	Sydney McLaughlin	Szekesfehervar (Hungary)	08 Aug 2022
51.90	Sydney McLaughlin	Eugene (USA)	27 Jun 2021
52.03	Femke Bol	Tokyo	04 Aug 2021
52.16	Dalilah Muhammad	Doha	04 Oct 2019
52.17	Sydney McLaughlin	Eugene (USA)	20 Jul 2022

MEN

Mark (seconds)	Athlete	Venue	Date
45.94	Karsten Warholm	Tokyo	03 Aug 2021
46.17	Rai Benjamin	Tokyo	03 Aug 2021
46.29	Alison Dos Santos	Eugene (USA)	19 Jul 2022
46.70	Karsten Warholm	Oslo	01 Jul 2021
46.72	Alison Dos Santos	Tokyo	03 Aug 2021
46.78	Kevin Young	Barcelona	06 Aug 1992
46.80	Alison Dos Santos	Stockholm	30 Jun 2022
46.83	Rai Benjamin	Eugene (USA)	26 Jun 2021
46.87	Karsten Warholm	Stockholm	23 Aug 2020
46.89	Rai Benjamin	Eugene (USA)	19 Jul 2022

Karsten Warholm

Rai Benjamin

SOURCE: WORLD ATHLETICS

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Not a war dance

Sam Whitelock leads the haka ahead of The Rugby Championship match between the New Zealand All Blacks and the Australia Wallabies in Auckland recently.

The haka are a variety of ceremonial performances in Maori culture. The version performed by the All Blacks derives from the 'Ka Mate' haka, whose composition is attributed to Te Rauparaha, a leader of the Ngati Toa tribe.

Although it is often called a 'war dance', Maori scholars say this is an erroneous, uninformed description. In Maori mythology, it reportedly is a dance about the celebration of life.

There have been concerns that the haka popularised by the All Blacks has been culturally appropriated and commercially exploited — it has featured, for instance, in television advertisements.

This led to legal challenges. The New Zealand government agreed in a settlement in 2009 that the 'Ka Mate' haka belongs to the Ngati Toa.

The 1888-89 New Zealand Native football team, a privately assembled rugby union outfit, was the first to perform the haka during its tour of the British Isles. The tradition has reportedly been continued by the All Blacks since 1905.

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Bidar, Nargund	CS (60), AI & DS (60)
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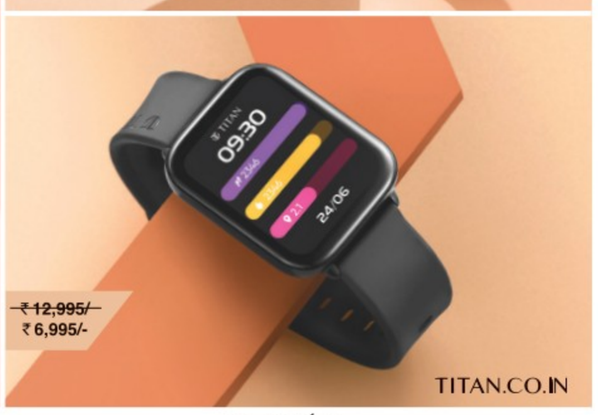

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69-year-old woman's murder: Two arrested after five years

The Hindu Bureau
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A woman and her son, who have been on the run for five years after the man killed his grandmother in 2017, were arrested from Kolhapur, Maharashtra, recently. The arrested have been identified as Shashikala, 46, and Sanjay, 26.

In May 2017, Naveen, a landlord in Kengeri Satellite Town had approached the police saying his tenants had been missing since February that year and a foul smell had been emanating from the house. Police broke open the house, and in a locked room they found two drums, a bloodied saree, cement sacks and a foul smell.

Police recovered a mobile phone from the room of Sanjay, an aeronautical engineering student, and tracked down Sanjay's friend, Nandeesh, to whom the last call was made. Nandeesh spilled the beans under sustained interrogation, and led the police to the body of Shantakumari, then 69, buried in the flooring of the wardrobe.

Police had recovered skeletal remains of the woman and arrested Nandeesh who had helped his friend Sanjay in burying the body and filed a chargesheet.

Trip to Maharashtra
Sanjay and his mother Shashikala had approached the landlord in February 2017 and took a loan of ₹50,000 citing an emergency, and said they were going to Maharashtra and would return soon, never to come back again. All efforts by Kengeri police to track down the mother-son duo yielded little result, and the case had gone cold.

Recently, a review of pending cases revived the investigation into the case, and this time they tracked them down to Kolhapur, where they were working as a waiter and a cleaner in a hotel for the past five years.

Parcel of food
Shantakumari was a very orthodox woman and was opposed to bringing outside food home. On the fateful day in February 2017, Sanjay had brought a parcel of gobi manchurian home to which his grandmother took objection to and allegedly threw it on Sanjay's face.

In a fit of rage he assaulted her on the head with a rolling pin killing her on the spot. Mother and son later buried her in the floor of the wardrobe with the help of Sanjay's friend Nandeesh and fled from the city, investigations have now revealed.

Labourer's death: He was lynched on suspicion of being child lifter, say police

An activist in a complaint alleged that the labourer was assaulted in Ramamurthy Nagar police station due to which he died, and later they disposed of the body in K.R. Puram

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

ILLUSTRATION: SATHEESH VELLINEZHI

A 27-year-old construction labourer from Jharkhand, Sanjay Tudu, was found dead by the roadside in K.R. Puram on September 24. While police claim he was lynched on the suspicion of being a child lifter, an activist has alleged it was a case of custodial death.

The body was found lying on the footpath with some injuries prompting K.R. Puram police to register a case of unnatural death and take up an investigation. His autopsy report revealed he died of multiple injuries he had sustained. K. R. Puram police soon established his identity as Sanjay Tudu and tracked down his family in Jharkhand.

Investigations revealed that he was attacked by Srini, Yaseen, and others at Dargah Mohalla, Dooravani Nagar, the previous day. Police also found the deceased's mobile phone with Srini.

"K.R. Puram police recovered CCTV footage from the scene of crime in Dargah Mohalla on September 27, which showed the deceased being assaulted, and he being whisked away in a Hoysala police vehicle to Ramamurthy Nagar police station," said S. Girish, DCP (Whitefield) . Sanjay Tudu was found dead the next day.

Custodial death denied
An activist, Paramesh V., in a complaint to the Chief Justice of Karnataka High Court, the Chief Minister and the Chief Secretary alleged that he was assaulted in Ramamurthy Nagar police station due to which he died, and later they disposed of the body in K.R. Puram.

He said the police tried to suppress the case, but were taken aback when the video of Sanjay Tudu being whisked away by police went viral in the area. "Police took the CCTV footage of the assault on Sanjay Tudu by residents of the area earlier and threatened people that they will be fixed in the case, and even collected a bribe to let them go," the complaint alleges.

Bhimashankar Guled, DCP (East), denied allegations of custodial death. He confirmed that the deceased, Sanjay Tudu, was assaulted by people at Dargah Mohalla on the night of September 23, and was brought to Ramamurthy Nagar police station by officials who were alerted of the assault.

"He was there in the station for only four minutes, and every second of that has been recorded in the CCTV camera at the station. There was no assault on him at the station. He was fully conscious, and refused to file a complaint against those who assaulted him. So he left the police station," Mr. Guled said.

6 arrested for assault
Sanjay Tudu was found dead by the roadside in K.R. Puram hours later on the morning of September 24, the next day. Police have now arrested Srini, Yaseen, and four others, who have been caught on CCTV camera assaulting the deceased.

There have been rumours floating around social media and messenger platforms like WhatsApp alerting people about child lifters.

Investigations have now revealed that Sanjay Tudu was drunk and was suspected to be a child lifter prompting residents of the Dargah Mohalla slum, led by Srini and Yaseen to assault him and later call the police and hand him over to them, police have now claimed.

Background
It can be recalled that a mentally disturbed man was lynched in Chamarajpet in the city in May 2018 and a techie from Hyderabad was lynched in Bidar in July 2018, over similar suspicions of being child lifters.

1.14 lakh seats in engineering, architecture courses up for grabs

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) notified the final seat matrix for engineering and architecture courses in the State for the academic year 2022-23, on Thursday.

A total of 1,14,210 seats are available for students in these courses this year. This includes 54,306 seats under government quota, 25,768 seats under COMED-K quota, 33,962 minority engineering college seats, and 4,607 seats under super numerary quota.

This year, there is an increase in the number of government quota seats available for students. Last year, there were 18 government engineering colleges in the State and 4,841 seats were available. However, this year there are 22 government engineering colleges offering students 5,397 seats. This has increased government quota seats from 56,947 in 2021-22 to 57,855 in 2022-23 for engineering courses.

Indicative of the demand for Computer Science and allied subjects, KEA has increased the number of seats available for these courses by 25% (5389 seats), from 21,804 seats in 2021-22 to 27,193 seats in 2022-23.

There are over 700 seats available at University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE) in eight departments. Recently, the State government had declared UVCE as the first State autonomous university on the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) model with 25% of the seats to be filled at the national level. However, for the present academic year, all seats will be filled through KEA, sources said.

Two Tamil plays on Sunday

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Two Tamil plays will be staged in the city on Sunday.

Tom Mediaas will present *Thillalangadi Mohanambal*, a comedy play by G. Radhakrishnan, produced and acted by Madhuvanti, and directed by S. Sureshwar at 4 p.m.

United Amateur Artists (UAA) will present a comedy play *Idu Nyayama Sir,* at 6.30 p.m.

Both the plays will be staged at Sri Krishna Devaraya Hall, behind Chowdaiah Memorial Hall, Vyalikaval, Malleswaram. Tickets are available on Bookmyshow and at the Sri Krishna Devaraya Hall on the day of the show.

Sanchar Samparka Divas today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Sanchar Samparka Divas in all traffic police stations is being organised by the Bengaluru traffic police on Saturday to highlight traffic grievances, queries, ideas and concerns.

According to the Traffic Police Department, the Sanchar Samparka Divas will be held between 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Traffic police will organise this initiative on every second Saturday of the month.

Citizens can meet police officers in their respective jurisdictions and discuss their grievances, according to a statement by the department.

Minority medical, dental colleges sign consensual agreement for 10% fee hike

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A file photo of 1st year MBBS students attending classes in Bengaluru.

Karnataka Religious and Linguistic Minority Professional Colleges' Association has signed a consensual agreement for 10% fee hike for management quota medical and dental seats, while Karnataka Professional Colleges' Foundation (part of COMEDK) has refused to accept the quantum of fee hike, at a meeting called by the Medical Education Department on October 6.

Dr. M.R. Jayaram, Chairman, Karnataka Professional Colleges' Foundation, declined the government's offer to hike the fee for seats in management quota, but not government quota. Therefore, last year's fee will continue at COMEDK member colleges for the academic year 2022-23.

Dr. Jayaram told *The Hindu*, "Due to Covid-19 pandemic, private medical and dental colleges are facing financial crunch. So, we demanded a 15% hike in the fee. But government has offered a 10% fee hike only for management quota seats. Therefore, we told them that we don't want a hike at all and decided to go with the previous year's fee."

But the Karnataka Religious and Linguistic Minority Professional Colleges' Association accepted the government's proposal, confirmed Shafi Ahmed, president of the association.

Sources said that the government had earlier agreed to an overall 10% hike as against the 15% demanded by colleges, but later changed its stance as Assembly elections are scheduled in the first half of 2023.

Mine workers to take out padayatra

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bellary Zilla Gani Karmikara Sangha (affiliated to AICCTU) is organising a padyatra with aggrieved mine workers from Sandur to Ballari from October 11 to 13 seeking their rehabilitation.

According to a release from AICCTU, the condition of the iron ore mine workers has been deplorable since the beginning. These workers are from vulnerable and marginalized communities and have not been paid minimum wage and have been doing life threatening work without basic amenities or proper safety equipment.

Their main demands include ₹5 lakh compensation to the workers who lost their job in 2011, re-employment for those who lost their jobs in Class A and B mines where work has resumed, monthly pension of ₹5,000 for workers who have reached superannuation age, free medical service for mining workers and free education for their children and financial assistance for higher education .

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e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of Government of Karnataka tenders are invited in Two cover system for Class-3 & above Contractors registered in PWD for 04 work under 5054- Appendix-E Head of accounts in the jurisidiction of Tumkur Division through e-procurement. The dates are published as below. (Max Amount Put to Tender Rs.187.32 Lakhs, Min Amount Put to Tender Rs. 114.60 Lakhs, Max EMD Amt Rs.2,81,000/-, Min EMD Amt Rs. 1,71,900/-)

1. Last date for tender information enqueries : **19.10.2022** : 16.00. **2.** Last date for submission of tender.: **20.10.2022** : 16.00. **3.** Date of opening the Technical bid: **21.10.2022 : 16.30 4.** Date of opening the Financial bid: **25.10.2022 : 11.00.**

Note: Turnover Certificate without UDI Number will not be considered.

Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
PWD DIVISION, TUMKUR.

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The general public are hereby notified that our client Mr. FRANCIS S SELVARAJ S/o Mr. C.P Selvaraj has lost original Sale Deed Dated 27.10.1999, Bearing Document No. 3875/1999, of Book-1, Registered at the office of the Sub-registrar, Hosur and General Power of Attorney Dated 26.07.2006, Bearing Document No. 2199/2006, of Book-4 Registered at the office of the Sub-registrar, Hosur executed by Lt.Gen.Richard Khare S/o Late. Mr. H.L Khare in favour of our client Mr. FRANCIS S SELVARAJ S/o Mr. C.P Selvaraj pertaining to the property in Krishnagiri District and Registration District, Hosur Sub Registration District, Hosur Taluk, Mookondapalli Village, the Land Bearing SF No. 672/2B Dry Ext Hec 0.61.0 Ass Rs.2.00 has been converted in to house sites Plot No. 7, measuring East to West 60 Feet and North to South 40 feet, totally measuring 2400 square feet and bounded as East by: Plot No.14, West by: Road, North by : Plot No.6 and South by: Plot No.8. the said documents are lost in Bangalore; In this regard a Police Complaint dated 07.10.2022 has been filed/lodged by our client with Karnataka State Police in Lost Report No. 0352029/2022. If any person/s finds the said document kindly inform the advocate stated herein. If any person/s misuses the said document, the same is not binding on our clients and they shall do so at their own risk.

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It is hereby notified that, my client has entered into an agreement to purchase the Schedule Property from its Owners: **Smt.R.G.BHANUMATHI** W/o Late R.Ravishankar and her children **Smt.SPURTHI RAVISHANKAR & Sri.R.SANKALP,** residing at: No.71, Old No.61, Sri Raksha Kantavar Enclave, Govindappa Street, Lalbagh West Gate, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004.

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O.S. NO.26108/2017

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V/S

M/s. Glomac Retail Fixtures ... Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

1) **M/s. Glomac Retail Fixtures India Private Limited,** No.22/1, Jetty Palya, Off: Magadi Main Road, Tava, Chennenahalli Village, Bangalore-562130. Represented by its Director **Mr. Swaminathan G**
2) **Mr. Swaminathan G,** Aged about Major, No.105/106, Anu Plaza, Ramachandrapura Main Road, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore-560097.
3) **Sukanya Swaminathan,** Aged about Major, No.105/106, Anu Plaza, Ramachandrapura Main Road, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore-560097.

Whereas, The above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a Sum of **Rs.4,50,896.25 (Rupees Four Lakhs Fifty Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Six Paise Twenty Five Only)** apart from future interest of 19.00% p.a., in **O.S. No. 26108/2017** and same is pending adjudication in CCH 20, **Before 26th Addl City Civil & Sessions Judge, Mayohall, Bengaluru.**

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the **02nd Day of November, 2022 at 11.00 A.M.** to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Exparte.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 20th day of September 2022.

Sd/- Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru-560001.

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Tipu Express is now Wodeyar Express

Mysuru MP Pratap Simha wanted the contribution of Wadiyars towards the development of railways to be recognised

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The Railways has renamed Tipu Express, which plies between Mysuru and Bengaluru, as Wodeyar Express while an express service from Mysuru to Talaguppa has been named after poet laureate Kuvempu.

The demand was made by Mysuru MP Pratap Simha, in a letter to Minister for Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw a few months ago. His plea was approved and a notification to this effect was issued by the Railway Board on Friday, and the order renaming the train will come into effect from Saturday.

However, Mr. Simha's critics have slammed the move on the grounds that this was in continuation of the BJP name-changing spree to efface historical legacy of Muslim rulers.

A notification about the name change was issued by the Railway Board on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Mr. Simha, in his letter, highlighted the contribution of the Wadiyars to the development and expansion of railways in the then princely Mysore state.

Similarly, the Talguppa-Mysuru Express has been renamed as Kuvempu Express after the poet laureate, who was born in Tirthahalli in Shivamogga district.

While there is no controversy over renaming the Talguppa Express after Kuvempu, the renaming of Tipu Express has drawn a mixed response.

A section of railway activists, who constantly bat for better amenities for passengers, said there was no doubt that the Wadiyars of Mysore made immense contribution for expansion of rail connectivity in the State. The authorities could have honoured the Wadiyars with a new train and a new rake instead of renaming an old train, said the railway activists who did not wish to be named and wade into the controversy.

But Mr. Simha had, in the letter, justified his demands on the grounds that there was no railway system in India during the regime of Tipu Sultan while the Wadiyars had invested heavily in promoting railways as a means of fast transportation and ensure timely relief during famine. Tipu Express was flagged off on April 15, 1980 as a superfast train connecting Mysuru and Bengaluru, and the train covered the 139 km between the two cities in 3.15 hours chugging along the single-line metre gauge track.

Contractors threaten strike

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The BBMP Contractors' Association that has been objecting to the changes introduced by the civic body to streamline the payment system has threatened to strike work if the old system is not reintroduced in another one month.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, BBMP Contractors' Association president R. Ambikapathy said, "The new payment system is troubling all 5,000 BBMP contractors where everyone has to go and get approval for their files from the zonal commissioners. Earlier, payments were cleared by officers like assistant, executive and chief engineers of the BBMP."

Apart from this, the association also alleged that there are ₹2,500 crore of bills pending to be paid to contractors by the BBMP in the last two years. "We have given the civic body a month to go back to the earlier system, or we will be forced to strike work," Mr. Ambikapathy added.

BBMP chief commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said, "The new system will benefit contractors and it is transparent. Earlier payments were delayed for 24 months, but now, through the new system, payments will be made in 22 months."

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			Total	**47**

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INBRIEF

Dearness Allowance hiked for government employees

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Friday cleared a proposal on increasing the Dearness Allowance (DA) of State government employees and retired employees by 3.75%. This comes into effect from July 1, 2022. This will cost the State exchequer ₹1,282.72 crore, Mr. Bommai tweeted.

Anant Nag conferred honorary doctorate

K. MURALI KUMAR

Veteran actor Anant Nag was conferred an honorary doctorate by Bengaluru North University, Tamaka, Kolar, on Friday.

Higher Education Minister C.N. Ashwath Narayan conferred the doctorate on Mr. Nag. H.N. Suresh, Director, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, was the chief guest at the event held in Bengaluru.

Dr. Ashwath Narayan said that both Mr. Anant Nag and his younger brother the late Shankar Nag had played a crucial role in bringing about changes not only in films but also in politics through their association with the former Chief Minister the late Ramakrishna Hegde.

Ambulance drivers, not paid for 2 months, threaten strike

Staff of the '108 Arogya Kavacha' ambulance service, who have not been paid salaries for the last two months, have threatened to strike work if their salaries are not disbursed immediately.

While GVK-EMRI that runs the service for the government attributed the non-payment of salaries to delay in disbursement of funds by the government, Health and Medical Education Minister K. Sudhakar said as per the agreement, GVK-EMRI had to pay the staff on time.

Govt. to hike SC reservation by 2%, ST by 4%; CM says demand was long pending and just

The decision is the outcome of an all-party meeting chaired by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai where a consensus emerged on increasing quota; Madhuswamy says govt. will explore options to get immunity from legal challenge

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

For consensus: Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai with JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy and Congress leader Siddaramaiah at the all-party meeting in Bengaluru on Friday.

Following an all-party meeting convened by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Friday, which concluded with a consensus on increasing reservation for the Scheduled Castes (SCs) and the Scheduled Tribes (STs), the State government in principle agreed to increase the existing quota by 2% for SCs and by 4% for STs in Karnataka. When it comes through, quota for SCs will go up from 15% to 17% and for STs from 3% to 7% in Karnataka.

A special Cabinet meeting has been convened on Saturday to take a decision on increasing the quota. All related issues will be discussed in the Cabinet meeting and then a final notification issued in this regard.

Emerging out of the all-party meeting, Mr. Bommai said a committee headed by retired High Court judge H.N. Nagamohan Das had recommended increasing reservation for SCs from 15% to 17%, and for STs from 3% to 7%. "This demand was long pending and just. As envisioned in the Constitution, reservation should be based on population," Mr. Bommai said. Participants in the all-party meeting discussed recommendations of both committees and unanimously decided to increase the reservation.

Restricted at 50%

Currently, Karnataka provides 32% reservation for OBCs, 15% for SCs, and 3% for STs, totalling 50% as capped by the Supreme Court. In the Indra Sawhney case, the Supreme Court restricted the reservation to 50%.

Legal scrutiny

Law Minister J.C. Madhuswamy said since the decision was expected to come under legal scrutiny, the State government would explore alternatives, such as either introducing a Bill in the winter session of the legislature in December or the State legislature passing a resolution unanimously. The State government would seek more than 50% reservation under Scheduled 9 of the Constitution through a constitutional amendment, to get immunity from a legal challenge, on the lines of what was done by the Tamil Nadu government, which has increased reservation up to 69%.

"By sending recommendations, we will urge the Central government to introduce a constitutional amendment Bill to increase reservation for SCs and STs," Mr. Madhuswamy said.

However, both Mr. Bommai and Mr. Madhuswamy said the decision to increase the SC and ST quota would not reduce the percentage of quota of OBCs and other groups in Karnataka.

All recommendations of the Nagamohan Das committee were accepted at the all-party meeting, which was attended by Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly Siddaramaiah, JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy, and senior Ministers.

Mr. Bommai said demands of other communities seeking an increase in reservation had been referred to the State backward classes commission. The government would take a decision after considering all aspects since the courts have been reviewing issues related to reservation, Mr. Bommai said.

Earlier, the BJPs' core committee meeting extended support to the recommendation to increase the quota for SCs and STs.

SSC notifies exams only in Hindi and English, draws ire

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

After the Staff Selection Commission (SSC) notified that the Combined Graduate Level Examination-2022 will be conducted only in English and Hindi, Kannada activists have protested the decision and demanded that the exams be held in regional languages as well.

Joining the demand on Friday, JD(S) leader and former Karnataka Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy said the BJP-led Central government is working towards suppressing regional languages. "Selected candidates can be deputed to any State. There is no option to attempt the exam in Kannada or any other regional language. Do we need more proof for Hindi imposition and language discrimination?" he questioned while adding that it appears that the Central government was building a tomb for the three-language policy, he said in a statement. He also demanded that only Kannadigas who attempt the exam in Kannada be posted in Karnataka, so that the people of the State could avail themselves of government services in their language.

Mr. Kumaraswamy said he would write to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah within two days urging them to withdraw the order.

Meanwhile, Kannada organisations in the State are planning to hold a protest against the Union government's decision. "The Karnataka Rakshana Vedike and other Kannada organisations will soon launch a protest against the circular. Already we are asking our political leaders on Twitter to speak against the circular, which adversely impacts aspirants in Karnataka," said Arun Javgal, organising secretary, Karnataka Rakshana Vedike.

Meet sets tone for BJP's poll campaign by accusing Congress of 'divisive mindset'

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All ears: Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai with BJP Karnataka president Nalin Kumar Kateel and party national general secretary C.T. Ravi during the party's State executive committee meeting in Bengaluru on Friday. PTI

Seeking to set the tone for the 2023 Assembly election campaign, the BJP State executive on Friday adopted a resolution taking on the Congress and the Bharat Jodo Yatra of its leader Rahul Gandhi. It accused the Opposition party of harbouring a "divisive and anti-national mindset" as against the yatra's stated intentions of uniting the country.

Ridiculing the yatra, the resolution accused the Congress of dividing the country right from 1947 "both physically and emotionally" in the name of religion and caste for selfish reasons. It also accused the Congress of indulging in minority appeasement for selfish gains.

In an obvious reference to Mr. Gandhi interacting with a farmer, the resolution referred to the State witnessing a huge number of farmers' suicides during the Congress regime led by Mr. Siddaramaiah.

Launching a virulent attack on Mr. Siddaramaiah, who is spearheading his party's campaign against the BJP government's alleged corruption, the resolution described him as the "father of corruption" and alleged that the erstwhile Congress regime led by him had indulged in rampant corruption.

Referring to the Congress' campaign that the BJP government had been demanding 40% commission to grant contracts and the episode of using posters as part of the campaign, the resolution said the Congress and Mr. Siddaramaiah had "damaged the State's image and dignity through such a baseless campaign". The executive also adopted a resolution thanking Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah for banning the PFI.

At the executive, which was attended by over 500 members, including Ministers, legislators, MPs, and State office-bearers, all the prominent leaders declared that the BJP would win 140 to 150 seats in the next Assembly elections.

"Nobody can stop the BJP's victory chariot which is on the go," remarked BJP national general secretary and State in charge Arun Singh. BJP parliamentary board member B.S. Yediyurappa had a word of caution for the party Ministers and leaders. "Only five months are left for the polls, if Ministers and legislators tour for five months, they can be in power for five years," he said.

He also asked leaders to desist from talking in discordant voices and advised district incharge Ministers to tour the State instead of remaining confined to districts.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai hit out at the Congress by saying that people were yet to forget the alleged maladministration and corruption scandals of the previous Congress regime. Without naming the JD(S), he said the Congress had helped the party with a mere 30 to 32 MLAs to form the government as against people's mandate.

Yatra: Rahul invokes Basavanna's teachings

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Reaching out: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi interacting with participants during Bharat Jodo Yatra in Mandya district on Friday.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday invoked the teachings of the 12th-century social reformer Basaveshwara against hate and inequality while targeting his alleged misrepresentation in the textbooks by the BJP government in Karnataka.

Addressing a gathering in Bellur town at the end of the day's padayatra, Mr. Gandhi said Basaveshwara preached against hatred and asked people to treat others like their equals. He said the idea behind the Bharat Jodo Yatra was inspired by the teachings of people such as Basaveshwara.

Mr. Gandhi, who had an interaction with a cross-section of educationists at Nagamangala earlier in the day, said he was asked by them why the Kannadigas' way of life and Karnataka's history, culture, and language had come under an attack. "They asked me which force is attacking Basavanna in Karnataka," he said making a veiled attack on the BJP government in the State.

He also highlighted the problems of farmers, who he said were being forced to cough up the Goods and Service Tax (GST) on fertilizer, pesticides, and tractors. He also referred to the skyrocketing prices of essential commodities such as petrol and LPG.

During the course of his address, Mr. Gandhi trained his guns on the "second richest man in the world who is close to the Prime Minister of India". Without naming anybody, Mr. Gandhi said this person had made it to the list of richest people in the world like a "rocket".

After a night halt at the stadium in Adichunchanagiri Mutt in Nagamangala taluk, the participants will resume their march from Mayasandra in Turuvekere on Saturday morning.

Meanwhile, Congress veteran M. Mallikarjun Kharge, who was scheduled to participate in the padayatra, did not turn up on Friday.

However, working president of the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee R. Dhruvanarayan told *The Hindu* that Mr. Kharge came to Mandya on Thursday, but left the venue of the padayatra programme as he is a candidate for the party's presidential polls. "As the elections are scheduled to be held on October 17, he needs to visit different States," he said.

Logo for Kumbha Mela released

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Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Friday released a logo for what is regarded as Maha Kumbha Mela of South India, to be held at Triveni Sangama in K.R. Pet taluk of Mandya district from October 13 to 16. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath is expected to visit the mela on the last day.

The event will be held at Ambigarahalli, Sangapura, in K.R. Pet where there is a confluence of Cauvery-Hemavati-Lakshmanatirtha.

VHP dismisses charge of trespassing madrasa; four arrested in connection with the case

The Hindu Bureau
KALABURAGI

Bidar police on Friday arrested four people in connection with the case of trespassing the Archaeological Survey of India-protected Mahmud Gawan Madrasa and performing a puja inside it in the wee hours of Thursday during the Dasara procession.

Manish Karbikar, Inspector-General of Police (North-eastern Range), said the situation was under control.

Video clip

The madrasa, a 562-year-old heritage building in the old town of Bidar, came under the spotlight on Thursday after a video clip, showing a group of Hindutva activists entering the monument and raising slogans to hail "Hindu Rashtra" during the Olakote Bhavani Devi procession as part of Dasara celebration, went viral. Following a complaint by Mohammed Shafiuddin, a businessman, the police registered an FIR naming nine people. Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) authorities too lodged a complaint with the Town Police for unauthorised entry. However, Anirudh, ASI Conservation Assistant, said that trespassers had not damaged the protected monument.

Meanwhile, in a release, the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP), which organised the procession, claimed the police and the ASI authorities facilitated the "annual ritual" and there was no violation. S. Ramakrishnan, executive member of North Province, said performing puja at the madrasa was a part of the annual Shoba Yatra that commences from and ends at Bhavani Mandir located inside the Bidar fort after passing through major streets in the city.

"We were waiting outside the Gawan Madrasa to offer puja as we do every year since the gate of the building was locked. Police personnel and the ASI staff were called and they opened the gate, facilitating the entry of devotees to perform puja. Around 10-12 devotees performed puja and returned. Some miscreants made videos and shared them on social media to spread false news," Mr. Ramakrishnan claimed.

Annual ritual took a different turn

According to people who are familiar with the annual ritual of Olakote Bhavani Devi procession, taken out on the last day of Navaratri, breaking a coconut near the entrance of the Mahmud Gawan Madrasa by elders of the Hindu community as the procession passes through the stretch is common practice. According to them, this ritual went off without any issue every year as it was done peacefully without shouting slogans or performing any puja by smearing the vermillion. However, this year, there was shouting of Hindutva slogans and performing of a puja.

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Raise the standard. raise your glass

The United Nations declared 2022 as the International Year of Glass to promote best practices and sustainability in the industry. Here we discuss its role in buildings and the benefits of tech, says **Anupama Mohanram**

Architectural glass allows us to open out and connect to the world outside, giving us access to views and bringing in natural light. An advantage of using glass as a wall element is that it is much slimmer than conventional wall materials, providing more floor space.

However, one problem with glass is that along with natural light, it also brings in the heat from outside, which can make the interiors uncomfortable in hot tropical climates. In fact, when compared to wall materials such as brick, glass tends to transmit more than double the amount of heat. Additionally, glass can also radiate a lot of heat from outside if directly exposed to solar rays, thereby leading to excessive air conditioning use in a hot and humid place.

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Heat resistance

One way to minimise heat transmission during design is to ensure sensible and judicious use of glass with adequate shading to prevent direct heat gain. Use of double glazed or even triple glazed windows, where there are two or three panes of glass separated by an air gap ensures better insulation or a very low U-value (measuring the amount of heat from ambient air outside that can pass through the glass) from both heat and noise.

In addition, use of low-E (low emissivity) coatings on the external layer of glass will enhance the insulation.

Today, technological advances have led to multiple types of 'high performance' glass that let in the light (high visible transmittance), not the heat (low heat gain). This has been made possible by use of low emissivity (low-E) coatings on clear glass.

These are thin coatings that prevent or limit certain wavelengths of light from passing through the pane while still allowing the passage of visible light.

The commonly available tints in glass are neutrals, blues and greens, all of which provide a good balance between light transmittance and thermal resistance. Saint Gobain, Asahi India Limited, Gujarat Guardian Limited and Pilkington India are some well-known manufacturers of high performance glass. For people looking for a clear glass aesthetic for their buildings, the neutral shades are a close match.

However, it is best to avoid large areas of clear glazing without any divisions at heights greater than two or three storeys, to prevent bird hits.

Tips to choose glass

1. Ideally, it is good to choose glass with a U-value not exceeding 5.5. If your lifestyle involves using a lot of air conditioning it is best to use double glazed windows which will bring down the U-value to 2.6.
2. With respect to SHGC (Solar Heat Gain Coefficient is the amount of heat from direct sunlight that falls on the glass and passes through it), it's best to look for glass with a factor of 0.5 or less.

Striking a balance

To ensure adequate visible light transmittance within buildings with smaller windows, it's best to look for glass with a VLT (Visible Light Transmission) of at least 50%. In the case of large glass facades, a VLT of at least 35% is good.

The lower the SHGC, VLT also gets reduced. It therefore requires some research to select the right type of glass that strikes a balance between the two and provide optimal visual as well as thermal comfort.

While the cost of high performance glass is at least 50% more than clear glass, the benefits in terms of human comfort and energy savings are well worth the investment.

Conscious selection of glass can go a long way in ensuring our own thermal comfort.

'Buildings with glass use less power'

An evaluation of the indoor environment of 30 offices across the country was conducted by Green Business Certification Institute (GBCI) India and Saint-Gobain Research India (SGRI) to assess the indoor environmental quality of workspaces in India and their impact on occupants' health and well-being. The study was an extensive exercise carried out over a period of three years. The study highlights some of the critical issues unnoticed by occupants, like poor ventilation, improper

lighting conditions, and ineffective noise control among others.

There are four main factors that affect people's experience of comfort in an indoor environment. They are thermal comfort, visual comfort, acoustic comfort and indoor air quality.

High on light

It has been observed that only 10% of offices met the standard for Equivalent Melanopic Lux (EML) during morning hours. EML is described as a way of measuring the biological effects of light on humans.

As per the study, commercial buildings with glass use less artificial light, consume less power. About 74% of people reported no external views or only poor-quality views from their workstations. People with good outdoor views had higher energy levels at the end of the day.

Thermal comfort is that condition of mind that expresses satisfaction with the thermal environment across all seasons.

As per the research, more than 56% of the spaces operated on the cooler side of the comfort zone. Acoustic comfort is obtained by the absence or reduction of unwanted sounds from external sources like the local traffic or internal sources like office equipment, and people talking. The study suggests in 73% of spaces, levels of interior background noise were higher than the standard threshold. Since we spend more than 90% of our time indoors, our indoor environment and its systems significantly impact the quality of the air we breathe. The joint research reveals that offices need to prioritise the evaluation of their indoor environment.

- A.R. Unnikrishnan, MD, Glass Business, Saint-Gobain India

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Sharada idol handed over by Sringeri Mutt to temple near LoC

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HASSAN

Devotees from Kashmir received the idol from Vidhushekhara Bharati Swami in Sringeri. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Sharada Peetha of Sringeri has offered a panchaloha idol of Goddess Sharada for a new temple coming up in Kashmir. The idol was handed over to devotees of Kashmir in a ceremony at the mutt in Sringeri on October 5.

Bharati Tirtha Swami and Vidhushekhara Bharati Swami of the mutt worshipped the idol before handing it over to the devotees. Ravinder Pandita, a representative of the Sharada Yatra (Sarvajna Peeth) Temple Committee, and other devotees received the idol from Vidhushekhara Bharati, junior seer of the mutt. The new temple is coming at Teetwal, on the banks of the Kishanganga, near the Line of Control (LoC). This is the place from where many devotees take out the annual pilgrimage to the Sarvajna Peetha of Goddess Sharadamba in Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (PoK).

Sringeri Mutt CEO V.R. Gowrishankar said about 1,200 years ago Adi Shankaracharya visited Kashmir and ascended the Sarvajna Peetha.

Kerala to host Norwegian investors' meet in January

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan interacted with the Norwegian business community in Oslo; State pursued Norwegian investment in hydrogen fuel generation, food processing and shipping

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Expanding business: Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan meets Kjersti Fløgstad, executive director, Nobel Peace Center, in Oslo. PTI

Kerala will host an investment meeting for Indian representatives of Norwegian firms in January 2023.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan interacted with the Norwegian business community in Oslo on Friday as part of his European tour. The Norway India Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Innovation Norway, Norwegian Business Association-India and Kerala government organised the conference.

A State government release said representatives of 50 Norwegian firms participated in the event.

Kerala evinced interest in waste and garbage-recycling vending machine projects and also the construction of climate change-resilient and future-proof infrastructure.

The State also sought technologies to help mitigate landslips, coastal erosion and sea surges. The government also pursued Norwegian investment in hydrogen fuel generation, food processing and shipping.

Mr. Vijayan elaborated on the vistas of investment open to European investors.

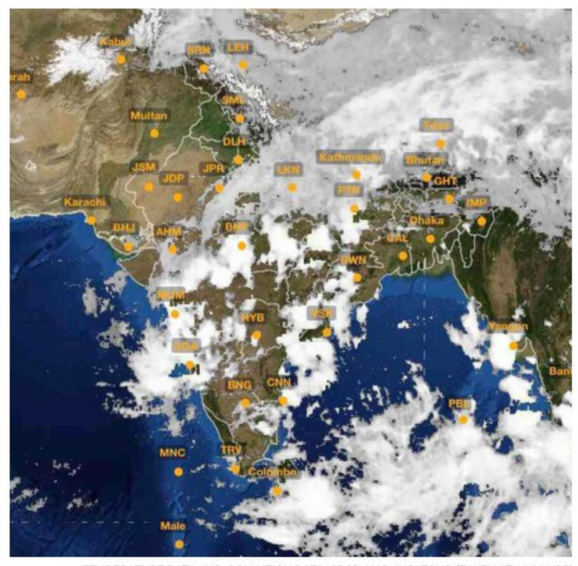
Maritime tie-up

A shipping and logistics firm in Norway has evinced interest in collaborating with the Kerala government to turn Kochi into a global maritime hub. A government release said the firm's top executives had discussed the matter with Mr. Vijayan.

The Kochi shipyard had built two electric-powered barges for the Norwegian firm. The firm had provided the basic design and batteries for the vessels. The State government wanted similar electric-powered barges to traverse Kerala's inland waterways.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



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Forecast for Saturday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Gujarat, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Assam, Meghalaya, Sikkim, coastal Andhra Pradesh, west Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over West Bengal, Bihar, Odisha, central Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka, Kerala and Andaman & Nicobar Islands

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	9	33.8	24.8	Kozhikode	—	32.4	24.1
Ahmedabad	—	32.0	24.5	Kurnool	9.3	30.6	23.3
Aizawl	—	—	20.1	Lucknow	1	26.3	22.7
Allahabad	—	33.8	25.0	Madurai	—	37.0	23.7
Bengaluru	—	27.5	19.3	Mangaluru	—	29.1	21.5
Bhopal	17.5	29.8	22.5	Mumbai	1	29.1	26.1
Bhubaneswar	0.5	32.4	23.6	Mysuru	—	30.7	20.6
Chandigarh	0.6	31.5	22.1	New Delhi	0.3	27.1	21.8
Chennai	0.5	29.7	24.5	Patna	—	33.9	25.4
Coimbatore	—	32.8	22.0	Port Blair	23	28.4	23.8
Dehradun	64	28.7	20.6	Puducherry	—	32.0	24.2
Gangtok	2	21.4	16.6	Pune	11	27.3	20.6
Goa	1	28.5	22.8	Raipur	2	32.1	23.4
Guwahati	—	33.9	25.2	Ranchi	0.2	30.5	21.4
Hubballi	—	26.0	20.0	Shillong	—	23.1	15.8
Hyderabad	10.6	28.2	20.6	Shimla	—	22.4	12.6
Imphal	—	31.5	19.2	Srinagar	—	26.2	9.2
Jaipur	—	28.8	23.2	Thiruvananthapuram	3	32.0	23.7
Kochi	—	—	24.6	Tiruchi	—	31.9	25.0
Kohima	—	25.5	16.6	Vijayawada	48.4	30.6	24.4
Kolkata	0.2	33.7	26.2	Visakhapatnam	3	32.0	26.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	—	.26	.21	31	40	
Bengaluru	7	.16	.37	236	149	
Chennai	3	.46	.94	117	88	
Delhi	.15	.54	.64	64	71	
Hyderabad	9	2	124	—	21	
Kolkata	8	.14	.51	20	29	
Lucknow	.14	.15	.86	24	27	
Mumbai	.34	.12	.22	232	—	
Pune	—	.37	.91	—	—	—
Visakhapatnam	.34	.16	.27	21	29	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Tiruppur, Tamil Nadu recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 202 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Sivasagar, Assam recorded a healthy AQI score of 12

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

'To say Rajaraja is not a Hindu is akin to saying a Catholic is not a Christian'

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Former MP and Congress veteran Karan Singh on Friday said it was "absolutely ridiculous" to say that the King Rajaraja I of the Chola dynasty was not a Hindu.

He was reacting to the recent controversy that erupted after film-maker Vetrimaaran commented in a function that there were attempts to give a Hindu identity to Rajaraja Chola. He implied that the Chola king was a Shaivite and Hinduism as a religion did not exist in that era. Actor Kamal Haasan on Thursday had backed this line of argument.

In a statement, Mr. Singh said to say that Rajaraja was a Shaivite and not a Hindu was akin to saying that "someone is a Catholic but not a Christian". "These semantic gymnastics in a way denigrate and confuse our great religion," he said.

Three main streams

According to him, though the word 'Hindu' may have gained traction only later, deities like Shiva, Vishnu, Hanuman, Ganesha, Mahalakshmi and Mahakali were all part of "Sanatan Dharma for millennia".

"One should not try and create a division between Shaivism, Vaishnavism, and Shaktism," he said, adding they were the three main streams of Hindu religion. Mr. Singh added that the Brihadeeswara temple built by emperor Rajaraja was an architectural marvel, where he had worshipped many times.

Karnataka Cong. chief appears before ED

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Karnataka Congress president D.K. Shivakumar on Friday appeared before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for questioning in connection with the *National Herald* case.

Mr. Shivakumar had to leave the Bharat Jodo Yatra midway in Karnataka to join the probe related to the financial contributions made to Young Indian Private Limited, in which Congress president Sonia Gandhi and MP Rahul Gandhi had 38% shares each. The agency had summoned him along with his brother, MP D.K. Suresh.

The agency is probing the allegation that Young Indian had paid only ₹50 lakh to take over the rights to recover a ₹90.25 crore loan that the Associated Journals Limited owed to the Congress. The AJL runs the *National Herald*.

Slow lane driving

The World Bank has warned India's uneven recovery could soon falter

At the onset of 2022-23, the Indian economy was expected to grow anywhere between 7.2%, as per Reserve Bank of India projections, and 8.2%, as per the International Monetary Fund forecast, with major rating agencies and financial institutions pegging their projections in the middle. Having bounced back 8.7% last year from a COVID-triggered nadir, the moderation in economic growth was not a big deal even as the ripple effects of the war in Europe had begun and inflation had been high since January. By early September, the range of most forecasts shifted to 6.7%-7.7%. The RBI, Asian Development Bank, and Fitch Ratings have lowered their estimate to 7%. S&P Global Ratings retained its forecast at 7.3% and Moody's Investors Service pared it to 7.6%, but both believe the emerging global slowdown will not derail the post-COVID recovery. The outlook is not so benign any more, the World Bank has suggested, based on inputs as recent as the last week of September. From its initial expectation of 8% growth this year, which it cut to 7.5% in June, the Bank has laid out a gloomier outlook with growth of just 6.5%, citing the worsening external environment.

After the 13.5% expansion in the April-June quarter, high-frequency economic indicators point to a healthy uptick through August. But growth appears to have stumbled a bit in September with goods exports contracting for the first time since February 2021 and imports growth also slowing sharply, signalling lower domestic demand. The Bank's latest forecast suggests a relative slowdown starting in the October-December quarter, with tighter global liquidity, higher inflation (oil prices are surging again after the OPEC meet) and rising interest rates denting domestic demand. At the same time, the demand for exports will shrink further and private investment will likely prefer to sit out this period of heightened uncertainty. Private consumption, in particular, will be affected this year and next, the Bank has reckoned, especially as the pandemic's scars on income and employment levels persist for rural and low-income households. As many as 56 million Indians may have slipped below the poverty line in 2020, it estimated. The government has been gung-ho about "entering an era of robust growth", but its decision to extend the pandemic-driven free foodgrains programme suggests it realises that not all actors of the economy have managed to get out of the woods yet. This realism should be reflected in other policy choices it makes too, tempering optimism with caution.

A synthetic click

The chemistry awards show that it pays to rethink the fundamentals

The Nobel Prize for Chemistry has been awarded to Carolyn Bertozzi, Morten Meldal and Barry Sharpless, the last of whom features in a group of only five to have won the Prize twice. The three chemists have been awarded for pioneering 'click chemistry' or getting molecules that wouldn't normally bond together to do so in an efficient and uncomplicated manner. The 'click' comes from an analogy Sharpless drew of molecules snapping together, like airline seatbelts fitting into their buckles. Historically, chemistry has sought to imitate nature. From medicine to fertilizer, the chemist has sought to make synthetic products that mimic natural molecules. The artificial synthesis of indigo, instead of extraction from plants, had disastrous consequences for colonial India's economy. On the other hand, several molecules have been synthesised in ingenious ways to create drugs and medicines to kill bacteria and relieve pain. The flip side is that these processes are likely laborious, can create unwanted by-products, many toxic. Often, the number of intermediary steps is so great and complicated that the desired result is usually too expensive to be useful.

Sharpless began the conversation, almost immediately after winning his first Nobel Prize, of creating molecular building blocks – like Lego blocks – that could snap together quickly and efficiently. The first breakthrough came when Meldal and Sharpless, independently of each other, discovered what has become the foundational stone of click chemistry, namely the copper catalysed azide-alkyne cycloaddition. Two kinds of chemicals – azides and alkynes – react very efficiently when copper ions are added, Meldal discovered in his Copenhagen laboratory, and form a very stable structure called a triazole. Previous attempts to join azides and alkynes were cumbersome, but the trick this time was copper. From then on, if chemists wanted to link two different molecules, all that was required was to introduce an azide in one molecule and an alkyne in the other. They then snapped the molecules together with the help of some copper ions. This has now become an industry standard. However, Bertozzi took click chemistry to a new dimension and showed that it could be used in living organisms. Copper is toxic to living cells, but she figured out a way to produce a copper-free click reaction, called the strain-promoted azide-alkyne cycloaddition, and showed it could be used to treat tumours. The awards demonstrate that it pays to rethink the fundamentals of a field and persevere at it for long enough to spark a revolution.

The growth and limitations of Dravidian urbanism

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Accounts of Dravidian mobilisation in Tamil Nadu have focused largely on their achievement of economic growth and welfare outcomes. Less recognised is the centrality of urbanisation in distributing the benefits of growth and development relatively more inclusively. T.N.'s urban trajectory has been distinct from most other parts of India on two accounts. One, T.N. has continuously attempted the breakdown of traditional caste-based hierarchies to enable the upward mobility of ordinary people, transforming them into agents of urban transformation. Two, urbanisation in T.N. is more broad-based, being driven by multiple urban centres rather than a few metropolitan cities, as in the case of Maharashtra or Gujarat.

Over the last 70 years, Dravidian parties have capitalised on historical conditions to adopt what appears to be a multi-pronged strategy to transform ordinary people into agents of urban transformation. This includes the provision of physical and social infrastructure to speed up urbanisation; redistributive policies such as affirmative action, particularly in education; and the diffusion of a productivist ethos. These measures are at least partly responsible for the fact that 48.4% of T.N.'s population lives in urban areas compared to the all-India average of 34% (2011 Census). Seven out of eight households rely on the non-farm sector. T.N.'s urban character does not rely on a couple of big metropolitan cities as is the case in Maharashtra or Gujarat; there are multiple urban centres undergirded by a network of small towns and a strong rural-urban linkage. It is important to understand how this was enabled.

Historical conditions, Dravidian policy

As an important colonial city, Madras possessed some industrial strength and physical infrastructure. Later, during K. Kamaraj's regime, T.N. benefited significantly from efforts to build infrastructure for industrial clusters and mass education. The DMK, which came to power in 1967, further expanded the industrial base of T.N.

Agricultural modernisation was spurred by access to irrigation and motorised electrical technology, among other things. Different parts of the State have historically specialised in particular strategic forms of irrigation such as canals and wells. This has led to diversified cropping patterns with distinct crop specialisations emerging in different regions. This made possible the emergence of 'agro-towns' linked to a crop, for processing, marketing, and selling – or entrepreneurship from below.

The interventions of Dravidian parties through physical and social infrastructure further facilitated this transition, while the absence of a dominant trading community – a Vaishya vacuum – allowed for entrepreneurship from lower castes and a 'democratisation of capital'. Investments in infrastructure enabled even artisans to enter industry. Anthropologist Yann Philippe Tastevin shows that carpenters and blacksmiths have become 'self-made engineers', setting up several makeshift repair shops of transport services which have morphed into a truck body-building industry, and further into mobile drilling rig assembly. This has changed the industrial landscapes of Namakkal and Salem districts, illustrating how urbanisation in T.N. has evolved from small towns with each region having a specific industrial cluster. The State has among the highest proportion of Dalit and Backward Caste entrepreneurs, many of them from small towns.

Dravidian discourse saw the village as the site of oppression and the urban as liberating, as opposed to M.K. Gandhi's vision of village reconstruction. Dravidian mobilisation worked on two planks. The first was the diffusion of a productivist ethos that broke down existing social hierarchies and helped imagine new social relations. The second was public investments in infrastructure which allowed the entry of diverse actors into the domain of capital accumulation.

The development of amenities – transport connectivity, access to electricity and medical and educational facilities – has been relatively impressive and widely spread across T.N. Some significant illustrations include the increase in the percentage of minor roads from 47% in 1961 to 80% in 1991. Thanks to policy interventions to build broad-based road transport infrastructure, including a network of minibuses, T.N. has linked rural and urban areas and expanded the scope for non-farm livelihood options for rural households. Similarly, connecting villages to towns helped people access employment outside, loosening caste ties to an extent.

While the postcolonial Indian state relied on planning apparatuses to spur development, it couldn't alter the pathways of outcomes. The Congress in T.N. worked with inherited colonial and elite-controlled bureaucratic structures and procedures. After the DMK came to power, policy agendas began to be driven by what were thought to be the needs and demands of the people. Over the next few decades, there was increased recruitment from backward and Dalit castes, and from small towns and rural areas, in government services. This increased the administration's responsiveness to the needs and aspirations of the marginalised. The conservative financial management of the State was overhauled to accommodate welfare distribution by the State.

While this urban transformation was in line with the Dravidian vision of moving the subaltern out of caste-bound occupations, those unable to make the transition had to be provided with a degree of social protection. The State was indeed a pioneer in the creation of a vibrant public distribution system and welfare boards which provide informal workers a host of protections.

The road forward

Liberalisation provided a shot in the arm to existing manufacturing industries, such as textile and leather, and also spurred service industries such as IT. All of this led to further urbanisation. The gains that had been made over decades in the growth of technical education, reservations for middle and lower castes in higher education and public health, to name a few, paved the way for more people to benefit from liberalisation in economic, social and geographical terms.

However, poverty has now been urbanised, with new, precarious jobs created largely in the informal sector. This indicates that the rate of dispossession from traditional and farm-based occupations has been higher than that of creation of decent jobs in urban areas, pointing to the urgency in the need for urban employment guarantees. While caste hierarchies have weakened to an extent, caste segregation continues, including in urban T.N. The DMK regime has come under rightful criticism for allowing eviction of the urban poor from Chennai, while simultaneously touting the successes of the Dravidian model.

Dravidian leaders have perhaps over-emphasised urbanisation as an ideal outcome, while not paying sufficient attention to urban processes themselves. The absence of adequate participatory governance, such as in the form of the implementation of the 74th Amendment, has only increased dependence on the bureaucracy and political actors, rather than empowering people. Dravidian urbanisation now has to contend with these structural problems, as well as rampant rent seeking, especially in natural resources, to repair the chinks in the face of T.N.'s relatively better development outcomes.

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The atrophy of the neo-Buddhist movement in India

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Every year in October, thousands of people assemble at Nagpur's Deekshabhoomi to pay homage to B.R. Ambedkar and remember the historic day of October 14, 1956, when he and half a million of his followers embraced Buddhism. Ambedkar chose Buddhism after examining various religions to understand the suitability of each to liberate socially marginalised communities from the exploitative caste order. He found that Buddhism is rooted in India's civilization, supplements modern ethical values and is averse to social hierarchies and patriarchal domination. Neo-Buddhism was proposed as a mass movement that would elevate former 'Untouchables' and help them achieve self-respect. He hoped that Buddhist principles would mobilise them into a robust community to battle the ruling Brahmanical elites.

Struggles of neo-Buddhism

Neo-Buddhism emerged as a maverick phenomenon that offered strong psychological solace to the struggling Dalit masses. However, Ambedkar's grand hopes remain unfulfilled. Today, the Buddhist population in India is one of the smallest minorities, its ideological challenge against the Hindu social order has not been taken seriously, and even within the Dalit community, conversion to Buddhism is not perceived as a suitable path to achieve social emancipation. Instead, it is the BJP that often fashions itself as the new torchbearer of Buddhist identity.

A large majority (close to 80%) of Indian Buddhists resides in Maharashtra. The neo-Buddhists have established social and educational institutions, initiated cultural movements, and organised popular public festivals to make Buddhism a visible force in Maharashtra's public sphere. However, it is mainly the Mahar caste and recently, smaller sections within the Matang and the Maratha castes which have identified themselves as neo-Buddhists. Other socially marginalised groups are still defined by Hindu caste nomenclatures and traditional occupations.

The Dalit sociopolitical movements in States including Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka have also not promoted conversion to Buddhism. In U.P., during the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP)'s regime, cultural symbols related to Buddhism, such as the Rashtriya Dalit Prerna Sthal and Green Garden, were erected in public spaces, but there was still hesitation in suggesting religious conversion as an alternative to fight the battle for social justice. Even in States where the Scheduled Caste population is relatively high, such as in Punjab, West Bengal and Odisha, Dalits have shown restraint in adopting Buddhism to challenge their social location.

Importantly, India's neighbouring Buddhist countries also have not identified neo-Buddhists as significant partners in their theological engagements. Several Buddhist countries have built their own pagodas and temples in Bodh Gaya and are more concerned with adding new sites in India's Buddhist Circuit. Certain individuals and Buddhist associations from Japan, Thailand and the U.K. have established some close links with the neo-Buddhists of Maharashtra, but this is small support.

Appropriation by the right wing

Interestingly, it is the Narendra Modi-led government at the Centre that has often presented itself as the promoter of Buddhist cultural heritage at the national and international levels. In overseas diplomatic gatherings, Mr. Modi has frequently invoked India's ancient Buddhist identity, especially in China, Nepal, Myanmar and Japan. Mr. Modi has made a conscious effort to emphasise shared Buddhist heritage with these countries. He also visited Deekshabhoomi in 2017, paid rich tributes to Ambedkar and announced multiple developmental projects. It is his government that proposed a Buddhist Circuit.

Theoretically, the neo-Buddhist movement is seen as an ideological and intellectual challenge to the dominant social and political ideas of the ruling elites. Interestingly, within the Hindutva discourse, Buddhism has been appropriated as an integral part of greater 'Indic Civilization' and the Buddhist conversion movement has not been seen as antithetical to the Hindu cultural pantheon. Further, Hindutva forces, using assertive cultural strategies, overtly appropriate crucial Dalit-Bahujan icons and underplay the fierce ideological antagonism that the early Dalit movement had against the Hindu social order.

When right-wing forces are asserting their Hindu identity to build a monolithic majoritarian community, a popular deliberation on Ambedkar's logic of conversion to Buddhism would have helped the Opposition, including the popular Dalit political class, to challenge such hegemonic appropriation. Independent cultural and religious strategies are crucial in building a challenge to the dominant narrative of Hindutva.

However, the current Opposition lacks effective cultural strategies to challenge right-wing assertion. Instead, it still uses the same old formal electoral strategies, as we are seeing in Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's current Bharat Jodo Yatra. In this context, revisiting the ideals of Ambedkar's neo-Buddhist movement can be helpful in building fierce ideological challenges to Hindutva's understanding of history and culture.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Xinjiang and geopolitics

Some Muslim-majority countries such as Pakistan, Qatar and the UAE voted against a debate on alleged widespread abuses in Xinjiang in China ("UN Human Rights Council rejects debate on Xinjiang," Oct. 7). Pakistan uses any and every opportunity to bring up Kashmir on various fora and even commented on the Babri Masjid ruling, to show its alleged solidarity with Muslims, but is willing to sacrifice Muslim community interests in this instance because it cannot let down its all-weather friend China under any circumstance. The vote shows how geopolitics trumps everything else.

J.P. Reddy,
Nalgonda

Debating the Cholas

The row over *Ponniyin Selvan* is relevant ("Director's comments stir debate on religion, identity," Oct. 7). Cinema is an important art form which can influence people in many ways. Redefining Hinduism by staking claim on historical figures is a trend now. And creating rifts between individuals and groups by doing this is also a trend. The Chola kings supported Buddhism, Jainism, Saivism and Vaishnavism. The Choodamani Vihara in Nagapattinam was built by King Raja Raja Chola. Rajendra Chola established Buddhist pallis. Therefore, to only emphasise that these kings were 'Hindus' is an attempt to diminish their great legacy of tolerance and brotherhood. India today could take a leaf from the past.

Apoorva Johnson Panakkal,
Thrissur

A new party on the block

K. Chandrasekhar Rao's move to transform the Telangana Rashtra Samithi to a Bharat Rashtra Samithi is bold ("Telangana CM foray into national politics receives mixed response," Oct. 7). The AAP was born in Delhi, but it has quickly gained ground and even won the Assembly elections in Punjab. What worked for it in Punjab was the trust of the voters in its ability to replicate the 'Delhi model'. Mr. Rao is dreaming big, but there is a lot of work for him to get the BRS to succeed on such a scale. Other parties like the Trinamool Congress also have grand ambitions, but have not managed to win outside their State. But before rushing to judge the fate of the BRS, we need to watch what Mr. Rao does.

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A view of the Milky Way galaxy behind the Indian Astronomical Observatory (IAO) at Hanle in Ladakh. MOORTHY RV

Where the stars must not twinkle

Clean skies, high altitude and complete darkness are vital for India's cutting-edge astronomical observatory in Ladakh's Hanle village. **Jacob Koshy** reports on the challenges in having it declared an International Dark Sky Reserve, and the efforts to make residents stakeholders in the process

Srinivasa Ramanujan was 'discovered' twice in the 20th century. The first was when English mathematician G.H. Hardy 'discovered' the genius mathematician in 1914; and the second was when Indian astronomers in India, led by R. Rajamohan, discovered an asteroid that was later named 4130 Ramanujan. It was the first time in 104 years that asteroids were discovered from India. Their instrument, the 45-cm Schmidt telescope, was housed on the Javadi hills in Kavalur, Tamil Nadu.

This spot is today the Vainu Bappu Observatory and is run by the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), Bengaluru, and is among India's foremost observatories. It was chosen in the 1960s because it was an impressive 750 metres above sea level, located amid a forest and offered fairly unobstructed vistas of the night sky.

But this wasn't ideal. Kavalur's geography put it in the path of both monsoonal clouds, during June-September and the returning, or northeast, monsoon in November, forcing the observatory to often shut down for months. Rainclouds absorb starlight and radiation from cosmic objects, preventing them from being caught on the telescopes of cameras. So IIA scientists began their search in the early 1980s for a place least affected by the monsoon.

To be able to detect stars or traces of cosmic phenomena, such as supernovae or nebulae from light years away, astronomers must be able to catch the faintest slivers of their radiation that often lie outside the range of visible light. Such radiation is, however, easily absorbed by water vapour and so it helps to have a telescope high above ground where the atmosphere is drier. "A dry, high-altitude desert is in many ways the ideal location," says Annapurni Subramaniam, Director of the IIA. "Such terrain is difficult and quite inaccessible. We commissioned several expeditions and teams to different parts of the Himalayas and finally Hanle, Ladakh was chosen."

In the high ranges of Ladakh

A largely smooth double-lane highway from Leh, the capital of Ladakh, to Hanle cuts through a valley scooped out of the mountains of the Ladakh range and the teal-coloured Indus. Army units and border check-posts punctuate the landscape that opens out into the Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary, where you can spot the occasional herd of the Tibetan wild ass and swarms of leaf warblers. As the road ascends, a smattering of hamlets, surrounded by pasture land, comes into view with herds of Changthangi sheep, the source of pashmina wool.

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> Principal Secretary, Ladakh Administration

Situated at 14,000 ft above sea level and a little over 250 km southeast of Leh, Hanle is a village of about 320 houses and a population of about 1,500, according to Paljor Therchin, the sarpanch of Hanle.

Against the backdrop of a blue sky flecked with cottony clouds, two huge metallic capsules – one higher than the other – incongruously rise out of the hills. Next to them, satellite dishes, like ushers, point to the sky. From here, a tarred road spirals down about 900 ft to flat land where makeshift cabins and a small building serve as ancillaries to a giant, parabolic dish that is a complex of a thousand mirrors bathed white in sunlight, resting on criss-crossing steel frames of red and blue. Men, some perched, some dangling on the beams, weave out of the meshes of this honeycomb structure.

Facing this are what look like seven concrete cannons, one in the centre and six surrounding it. Each has seven mirrors that together resemble a robot-contingent of photographers training their apertures at some uncertain blink-and-you-will-miss cosmic event.

This entire set-up, laid out on the mountain called Digpa-Ratsa Ri, aka Mt Saraswati, comprises the Indian Astronomical Observatory (IAO). The multicoloured dish is the Major Atmospheric Cherenkov Experiment Telescope (MACE) built by a consortium of the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, the Electronics Corporation of India Ltd. and the IIA. The dish, with a diameter of 21 m, is the second largest of its kind in the world and the only one at such an elevation. Its goal is to detect Cherenkov radiation from space.

This is a special kind of light from gamma rays, or the most energetic sources of radiation, that can result from dying stars or several galactic events. The seven-telescope contingent, called HAGAR (High Altitude Gamma Ray), also looks at Cherenkov radiation, although at a lower range of energies. The metallic capsule, the highest of the observatories, is the Himalayan Chandra Telescope (HCT), the oldest and active since 2000. An optical-infrared telescope with a 2-metre lens is designed to detect light from the visible range of the electromagnetic spectrum as well as that just below it, or the infra-red spectrum. The second capsule, situated slightly lower than the HCT, is the GROWTH-India telescope, a 70-cm telescope made by IIA and the Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai that is equipped to track cosmic events that unfurl over time, such as afterglows of a gamma ray burst or tracking the path of asteroids. Because of the wide span of frequencies covered collectively, the IAO provides multiple vantage points to observe a range of cosmic phenomena and investigate the mysteries of the universe. Telescopes with small diameters generally can track a greater swath of sky but those with larger diameters can peer deeper when trained towards desired locations.

The flip-side of Hanle's seclusion, making it ideal for astronomy, is the weather and climate. The altitude means that atmospheric oxygen is low, making one prone to mountain sickness.

Among the recommended paraphernalia on a trip to Hanle are cans of oxygen cylinders. The desiccated air that helps the telescope catch ephemeral interstellar light translates to sub-zero winters for at least six months of the year. The summer months from April to September have cold, windy nights, and with no access to the electric grid, the eager stargazer must brave runny noses and chills.

The IAO telescopes, however, can be controlled remotely via a satellite link. Whatever the weather, astronomers at the IIA's Centre for Research and Education in Science and Technology (CREST), about 35 km from Bengaluru, can manoeuvre the HCT to face their desired spot of sky. The other instruments too are equipped to be remotely controlled. While the HCT is manned 24/7, those on site are required only for maintenance and not for using the telescopes. Researchers who want a shot at using the instruments must apply, in fact compete, for observation time made available in quarterly slots; the applications are scrutinised by scientific committees.

"The available time is over-subscribed three times. Every astronomer, even when they have their own telescopes, applies to use these because of the quality of sky and the large number of viewable nights that the telescopes offer. It is their bread and butter," says Subramaniam.

In recent years, these telescopes have helped gain a better understanding of a system of Earth-sized planets orbiting the TRAPPIST-1 star, about 40 light years away from Earth, as well as gravitational waves that resulted from the collision of neutron stars from a billion years ago, she adds.

The play of light and dark

While these sophisticated instruments and their images are manipulated by scientists, all that novice visitors have to do to realise they are in a special place is look up at the night sky. At least 300 nights a year, the clouds would have been swept away, and the vista looks as if some invisible, giant being had kicked up a sandstorm of stars. Contrary to the thumb rule that 'the lights that twinkle are stars, those that don't are planets', the sky is studded with unblinking lights.

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> Director, IIA

Twinkling stars imply starlight is being bounced around by atmospheric gases, dust and water vapour, and therefore obscuring to us on land its origins. At Hanle, the thinner air and the elevation means starlight is relatively unimpeded until it descends into the lower, more polluted stretches below.

"You don't need your phone's flashlight to navigate here. Close your eyes, clear out the artificial light, absorb the darkness, and open them. You'll see everything," says Dorje Angchuk. As chief engineer at IIA, Angchuk, a native of Leh and the person in-charge of the HCT systems, has made countless trips to Hanle in the last quarter century and been closely involved in the installation of IAO telescopes.

In the last couple of years, he has curated an avidly-followed Twitter stream of night-sky photographs of Hanle. Over the last several months, particularly since Ladakh was marked out as a distinct Union Territory from Jammu and Kashmir, he has been in the thick of a project that will shape the future of Hanle.

Dark Sky Reserve

"Light is the enemy," says Pawan Kotwal, Principal Secretary in the Ladakh Administration, referring to the phenomenon of light pollution in which artificial light from cities and home electrification have obscured the natural night sky. Recent studies show that clouds, the biggest reflectors of sunlight, scatter artificial light from ground-based sources, amplifying light pollution.

For astronomy, a discipline that hinges on the wisps of light, artificial sources of light are contaminants. Thubstan Rinchen, the officer in charge of MACE, said in an IIA-commissioned documentary that light from, say, the high beam of a vehicle at night would flood the sensors of the telescope. Separating this light from that collected as part of experiments is a cumbersome process and results in loss of scientific data.

Hanle, as it currently stands, is largely shrouded in darkness. Disconnected from the electric grid, solar panels and a diesel generator are the only sources of electricity. Hanle only gets electricity from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. The freezing months, says Padma Lazo, who runs a homestay here, can see temperatures dip to minus 40°C, though cookstoves and dung provide heat. "We don't need electricity all the time but better jobs and schools for our children would be welcome."

Ladakh's recent Union Territory status, a government eager to expand economic opportunities via tourism and the Indian Army expanding its infrastructure development, lighting to bolster its defence at the India-China border which is not far away – all these are challenges in keeping light from seeping into Hanle.

To strike a balance, the Ladakh government along with the IIA and India's Scientific Ministries is laying the groundwork to have Hanle declared as an International Dark Sky Reserve by the International Dark-Sky Association. Since 1988, the U.S.-based non-profit has been advocating the cause of minimising light pollution and certifies places where night skies are least polluted as International Dark Sky Reserves or sanctuaries.

"The average tourist visits for high roads, exotic landscape, and the Pangong Lake. Hanle is already in a wildlife sanctuary and developing it as such a reserve would encourage a newer kind of tourism, or astro-tourism," says Kotwal. "The most important condition, however, is that it must have the support of the local community."

In the weeks ahead, amateur and professional astronomers have been roped in by the IIA and the local government to give talks on constellations to villagers. As many as 18 telescopes will be set up in village clusters, and homestay owners trained in elementary astronomy to guide astro-tourists. Villagers will also be given dark curtains to minimise outgoing light from residences. The roads will be installed with light delineators.

Having been promised electrification in two years and funds from the government to improve their homes to homestays, residents of the village say they would be happy to comply with light restrictions. "That's not a problem for us. However, more than residential lights, it's the light from Army bases that are actually stronger. That should be managed too," says Therchin, who is also a religious head at a nearby monastery.

Kotwal and Angchuk say Commanding Officers of the units have "readily agreed to comply".

"We have a long-standing relationship with the community and they were involved in construction of the existing facilities," says Subramaniam.

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Panel to study SC status of converted Dalits

The three-member commission will also comprise Professor Sushma Yadav, member, UGC, and retired IAS officer Ravinder Kumar Jain, and has been given a two-year deadline to submit a report on the issue – starting from the day Justice Balakrishnan takes charge of the commission.

The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment has said the commission's inquiry will also look into the changes an SC person goes through after converting to another religion and its implications on the question of including them as SCs.

These will include examining their traditions, customs, social and other forms of discrimination and how and whether they have changed as a result of the conversion.

Noting that several representatives of existing SC communities have staunchly opposed the inclusion of converts to other religions, the government has also tasked the Justice Balakrishnan Commission with examining the impact of such a decision on these existing SC communities.

The petitions challenging the religion criterion for inclusion have cited several independent commission reports since the First Backward Classes Commission headed by Kaka Kalelkar in 1955 that have documented the existence of caste and caste discrimination among Indian Christians and Indian Muslims, concluding that Dalit converts continued to face the same social disabilities even after leaving the Hindu fold.

Belarus, Russia, Ukraine win Nobel Peace Prize

The Nobel committee's choice marked a stinging criticism of Moscow's invasion of Ukraine.

The committee called on Belarus to release Mr. Bialiatski, 60, the founder of rights group Viasna whose work has charted the increasingly authoritarian tendencies of President Alexander Lukashenko, a Russian ally.

Memorial has been compiling information on political oppression and rights violations in Russia. Ukraine's Center for Civil Liberties has documented "Russian war crimes against the Ukrainian civilian population", the committee said.

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INBRIEF

CBI files chargesheet against Lalu Prasad, Rabri Devi

The CBI has filed a chargesheet against former Railway Minister Lalu Prasad, his wife Rabri Devi and 14 others in connection with an alleged land-for-jobs scam during his tenure in the Railways, officials said on Friday. Mr. Prasad's daughter Misa Bharti and a former general manager of the Railways have also been named as accused in the chargesheet filed before a special CBI court recently, they said. PTI

PM using empty slogans despite rising poverty: Cong.

Citing the World Bank report that flagged worsening of poverty numbers in India during the COVID pandemic and downgraded the country economic growth forecast, the Congress on Friday alleged that the situation doesn't worry the Prime Minister as he is still resorting to "empty slogans". Congress spokesperson Supriya Shrinate said, "Now, given the Modi government's nature, it may be perceived as an international conspiracy against India..."

Two Army personnel killed in tank barrel burst

Two Army personnel were killed after the barrel of a T-90 tank burst during the annual firing exercise at Babina Field Firing Ranges. "During the annual firing at Babina Field Firing Ranges on October 06, a tank barrel burst took place. The crew was provided immediate medical aid and evacuated to Military Hospital Babina," the Army said in a statement. "The Commander and the Gunner unfortunately succumbed to burn injuries. The Driver is out of danger and under treatment." The incident is under investigation.

Kharge rejects remark that he will be controlled by Gandhi family

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

The Congress Presidential candidate Mallikarjun Kharge on Friday said he will work with other party leaders if elected to the post of president of the Indian National Congress.

He also dismissed that the Gandhi family will "remote control" him and he will be their puppet president.

He arrived in Gujarat to canvass for his candidature and met the AICC delegates who will cast their vote in the presidential polls of the party in which he is pitted against the party's parliamentarian and former Union Minister Shashi Tharoor.

"A lot of people say I am a remote control and work from behind. They say I will do what Sonia Gandhi will say. There is no such thing as remote control in Congress, people take decisions together," he said.

In fact, he suggested that the BJP was being remote controlled by the PM.

"How many times has the BJP held an internal election to the elect its president?" he asked, adding nobody knows how the BJP president is appointed.

"When I will be elected as Congress president, the remote control will stay with me and everyone will work as per the party's organisational structure," he asserted.

Ahead of Assembly poll, Congress in Gujarat faces defections, lack of focus

Congress's internal organisational election and Rahul Gandhi's *Bharat Jodo Yatra* appear to be the immediate top priority for the party; none of the prominent leaders visited during *Navratri*

Mahesh Langa
AHMEDABAD

It is less than two months before Gujarat faces the Assembly election, but the main Opposition Congress appears grappling with defections by senior leaders and legislators and lack of direction from the top leadership in Delhi.

Its State unit has been trying to remain in shape to take on the ruling BJP and new entrant Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal leading the campaigning for their parties.

For the Congress top brass, the party's internal organisational election and Rahul Gandhi's *Bharat Jodo Yatra* appear to be the immediate top priority and they have remained occupied with these ongoing activities.

Before kickstarting his yatra from Kanniyakumari, Mr. Gandhi addressed a rally in Ahmedabad on September 5 in which he announced a range of electoral sops such as free electricity and farm debt waiver.

He is now unlikely to come for campaigning because of the yatra he is leading. So far, Congress interim president Sonia Gandhi and general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra have also not joined the campaign, leaving the State leaders to manage on their own.

Making rounds: Rahul Gandhi during his Sabarmati Ashram visit in Ahmedabad on September 5. VIJAY SONEJI

Badly needed visibility

The State party leaders were hoping that Ms. Gandhi would visit a few *Garba* venues during Navratri in Ahmedabad and other places which would have helped the party in getting visibility that it badly requires as at present the BJP and the AAP are hogging the limelight.

Also, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, who has been appointed AICC senior observer for the party in Gujarat for the Assembly polls, remains occupied in his own State because of the unexpected political developments there, leaving not much time for Gujarat.

Many Congress leaders in Gujarat feel that the high command has not accorded due importance to the Assembly poll compared to the BJP and the AAP whose top leaders are criss-crossing the State.

So far, since March this year, Mr. Modi has visited the State 12 times and held rallies or roadshows and launched new projects or inaugurated completed ones in a dozen different places while Mr. Kejriwal has been to the State almost two dozen times. Both leaders are now visiting Gujarat almost once a week.

In such situations, the State unit is witnessing defections from its rank. This week, its senior legislator Harshad Ribadia joined the BJP. Earlier in July, a prominent tribal leader and three-time legislator Ashwin Kotwal had resigned and joined the ruling party. In between, working president of the State and Patidar quota agitation leader Hardik Patel defected to the saffron camp. Former Rajya Sabha member Raju Parmar and former leader of Opposition in the Assembly Naresh Raval joined the BJP.

After the 2017 Assembly poll, as many as 17 sitting Congress legislators have joined the BJP, bringing down the party's strength from 78 to just 61 now.

Meanwhile, according to insiders, five to six more legislators are likely go to the other camp in the days to come. "We are aware that a few more leaders will join the BJP," said Raghu Sharma, AICC in charge of Gujarat.

EC seeks Uddhav's response on party symbol controversy

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Election Commission of India on Friday asked former Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray to submit his response by 2 p.m. on Saturday in the dispute between him and Chief Minister Eknath Shinde about who controls the Shiv Sena. The two factions have claimed that they represent the real Shiv Sena and were asked by the EC to submit any documents to support their claims by Friday.

The EC said the group led by Mr. Shinde had on Tuesday sent an application asking for the party's "bow and arrow" symbol to be allotted for the ongoing by-election to Andheri East Assembly constituency. "In case no reply is received, the Commission will take appropriate action in the matter accordingly," the EC said.

Meanwhile, Uddhav Thackery on Friday informed the EC that the faction led by Mr. Shinde cannot claim the symbol as he and legislators in the camp had voluntarily quit the party. "Their primary membership was cancelled after they voluntarily quit the party. So, technically they are no longer associated with Shiv Sena and cannot claim the symbol," Uddhav loyalist and Rajya Sabha MP Anil Desai told *The Hindu*.

Petitioner moves court for FIR copy in PFI case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Friday asked the National Investigation Agency (NIA) to respond to a plea seeking a copy of an FIR registered against alleged members of the banned Popular Front of India (PFI) in a case lodged under the anti-terror law.

Justice Anoop Kumar Mendiratta gave the order on a petition filed by Mohammad Yusuff, who was arrested from his residence in Chennai on September 22 in a case lodged under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act [UAPA].

Mr. Yusuff sought a copy of the FIR lodged by the agency, a copy of the grounds of arrest of each of the accused, and a copy of the remand applications filed before the trial court.

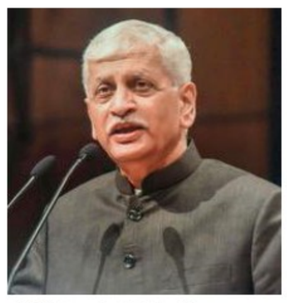
"At the time of arrest, the respondent [NIA] did not communicate to the petitioner [Mr. Yusuff] any particulars of the offence or grounds of arrest, in clear violation of the statutory mandate under Section 50 of the Code of Criminal Procedure read with Article 22(1) of the Constitution," the plea noted.

Centre seeks CJI's recommendation on appointment of his successor

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Law and Justice on October 7, 2022 sought Chief Justice of India U.U. Lalit's recommendation for appointment of his successor.

"As per the MoP [Memorandum of Procedure] on appointment of Chief Justice of India and Supreme Court Judges, today the Hon'ble Minister of Law and Justice sent a letter to the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India for sending his recommendations for appointment of his successor," the Ministry tweeted.



Chief Justice U.U. Lalit

The letter kick-starts the appointment process for the 50th Chief Justice of India. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud is next in line to be Chief Justice of India in accordance with the seniority norm.

The process of appointment, according to the 'Memorandum of Procedure of Appointment of Supreme Court Judges', begins with the Union Law Minister seeking the recommendation of the outgoing CJI about the next appointment.

The Minister has to seek the CJI's recommendation "at the appropriate time". The Memorandum does not elaborate or specify a timeline. Usually the Law Minister sends his request and the outgoing CJI makes his recommendation with a month to spare before his retirement. Chief Justice Lalit is set to retire on November 8, which leaves him hardly 15 working days.

The appointment process for the next Chief Justice of India has begun at a time when four names are under consideration of the collegium for appointment as Supreme Court judges. Usually, no new recommendations for judicial appointments are made when the appointment process for the next Chief Justice of India is on.

'Varna and caste system should be discarded'

Press Trust of India
NAGPUR

Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat on Friday said the concepts like *varna* and *jaati* [caste] should be completely discarded. Speaking at a book release function here, he said the caste system has no relevance now.

In "Vajrasuchi Tunk" written by Dr. Madan Kulkarni and Dr. Renuka Bokare, the RSS chief said social equality was a part of the Indian tradition, but it was forgotten and led to damaging consequences.

Referring to the claim that the *varna* and caste system originally did not have discrimination and had its uses, Mr. Bhagwat said if today someone asked about these institutions, the answer must be that "it is past, let's forget it."

Varanasi court defers order on petition filed by Hindu plaintiffs in Gyanvapi case

Next hearing on the suit seeking 'scientific investigation' into structure posted for October 11

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Varanasi district court on Friday deferred the order on an application filed by some of the Hindu plaintiffs in the Gyanvapi mosque-Kashi Vishwanath temple civil dispute seeking "scientific investigation" of the disputed structure reportedly found inside the mosque premises in May.

While the Hindu plaintiffs have claimed that the structure is a *shivling*, the Anjuman Intezamia Masjid Committee has insisted that the structure is part of the fountain in the mosque's *wuzu khana* [ablution pond].

District Judge A.K. Vishvesha had at the last hearing reserved his orders and was expected to deliver the order on Friday, when all parties had shown up in court. The application sought "scientific investigation", including carbon-dating of the structure, reportedly found during a court-ordered video survey of the mosque in May.

Only one condition

On Friday, advocate Vishnu Shankar Jain, who had sought the tests on behalf of four of the five plaintiffs, submitted before the court that their application for "scientific investigation was rooted in the condition that no damage be caused to the structure in question".

Following this, the masjid panel, expecting to hear the order on Friday, said they needed time to file a reply to the point raised by Mr. Jain. The matter has now been posted for next hearing on October 11, senior advocate Mumtaz Ahmed told *The Hindu*.

At the last hearing, the masjid panel had objected to the application seeking tests on two grounds. It said carbon-dating was not the scientifically appropriate test for such a structure and besides, such a test would violate orders of the Supreme Court which had mandated that the structure be protected.

The lead plaintiff in the case—Rakhi Singh—had also objected to the application, arguing that carbon-dating would destroy the structure, rendering it not worthy of worship.

Two with terror links arrested in Mohali grenade attack case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police Special Cell has arrested a man, and apprehended a juvenile, in connection with the rocket-propelled grenade (RPG) attack on the Punjab Police Intelligence HQ in Mohali in May this year, officers said on Friday.

Special CP (Special Cell) H.G.S. Dhaliwal said that the accused arrested has been identified as Arshdeep Singh. Both the accused and the juvenile were arrested from Jamnagar in Gujarat.

The Special CP said that the accused were "important nodes of the joint terror network of Pakistan-based Khalistani terrorist Harvinder Singh alias Rinda and Canada-based gangster-turned-terrorist Lakhbir Singh Landa".

On May 9, a rocket-propelled grenade was fired at the Punjab Police's intelligence headquarters in Mohali in Punjab.

During investigation, it was established that the attack was a conspiracy of Babbar Khalsa International (BKI), backed by Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and local gangsters.

The attackers were identified as a juvenile and one Deepak, a resident of Surakhpur in Haryana. "It was also established that the attack was orchestrated by gangster-turned-ISI stooge Harvinder Singh alias Rinda," the Special CP said.

Arshdeep was wanted in the IED recovery case of Shahabad in Kurukshetra and IED-recovered case at Sirhali police station in Punjab and other narcotic and arms cases.

India objects to recent visit of U.S. Ambassador to PoK

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

India has objected to the United States over the recent visit of the American Ambassador to Pakistan's visit to Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), said the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Friday.

Reacting to the visit in early October, which the U.S. referred to as "AJK (Azaad or 'Free' Jammu Kashmir) of Ambassador David Blome to Muzaffarabad and other areas across the Line of Control (LoC) that India recognises as its territory, MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said that India had objected to both the visit and the meetings Mr. Blome held there.

In a press release about the visit from October 2-5, the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad said it aimed to "promote U.S.-Pakistan partnership and highlight the two countries' deep economic, cultural, and people-to-people ties", detailing the U.S. projects and investments in the area.

"Our objection to the visit and meetings in PoJK (Pakistan Occupied Jammu Kashmir) by the U.S. Ambassador in Pakistan has been conveyed to the U.S. side", Mr. Bagchi said in response to a question by *The Hindu*, but did not give details of the objection or how it was conveyed.

No American Ambassador has been posted to New Delhi since January 2021, when the Trump administration nominee Kenneth Juster demitted office due to issues with the confirmation of the Biden nominee Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, and it is unclear if the issues will be resolved before the mid-term elections in the U.S. in November, which could delay the process further.

Concern on fighter jets

To a query, the MEA spokesperson said that India's concerns over the U.S. package on support for F-16 fighter jets to Pakistan remained, despite the U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken's assertion that Pakistan used the F-16s for counter-terrorism operations. On the U.S. decision on September 29 to sanction an Indian company Mumbai-based Tibalaji Petrochem for the alleged import of oil from Iran, the MEA said it was a "new development" and the government was looking into it.

Respect and guarantee human rights to Uighurs of Xinjiang, says MEA

Statement comes a day after India abstained on voting on a draft resolution at the 51st Regular Session at the United Nations Human Rights Council to hold a debate on the subject

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

India on Friday addressed the issue of the Uighurs of Xinjiang directly for the first time saying that the community's human rights should be "respected".

Official spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs Arindam Bagchi said that the government of India had taken "note" of the human rights "assessment" of Xinjiang that was earlier presented by the Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights (OHCHR) in a 46-page report. "The human rights of the people of Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region should be respected and guaranteed. We hope that the relevant party will address the situation objectively and properly," he said. India has generally avoided commenting on the reported crackdown on the Uighurs in Xinjiang.

Demanding justice: Members of Uighurs and other communities offering prayers at the Id Kah Mosque in Xinjiang region. FILE PHOTO

This policy was evident in 2016, when India issued a visa for leading Uighur activist Dolkun Isa but cancelled it at the last moment preventing him from traveling to Delhi.

The statement from the MEA came a day after India abstained on voting on a draft resolution at the 51st Regular Session at the United Nations Human Rights Council to hold a debate on the human rights situation in Xinjiang. The resolution was sponsored by the U.S., Finland, and other members of the western group at the HRC but at the end only 17 of the 47 members voted in favour, 19 voted against and 11, including India, abstained.

Explaining India's decision to abstain at the HRC, Mr. Bagchi said, "India remains committed to upholding all human rights. India's vote is in line with its long-held position that country-specific resolutions are never helpful. India favours a dialogue to deal with such issues."

In a rare gesture, Mr. Bagchi also recognised the importance of the OHCHR's report on Xinjiang that had drawn China's strong opposition earlier.

"We have taken note of the OHCHR Assessment of human rights concerns in the Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region, People's Republic of China," said Mr. Bagchi.

The delay to release the OHCHR's report which contains details of atrocities against the Uighur Muslims in Xinjiang was criticised by Amnesty International that had sought international investigation into the findings.

"Now that the OHCHR has finally made its findings public, it is time for the UN Human Rights Council to set up an independent international mechanism to investigate these crimes under international law and other serious human rights violations in Xinjiang," Amnesty said in a statement earlier.

Six Indian prisoners died in Pakistan in last 9 months: Centre

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Six Indian prisoners, who completed their jail terms, died in Pakistan in the last nine months and India has raised the "alarming" issue with Islamabad, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Friday.

MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said five of the six Indians were fishermen. "Six Indians, five of them fishermen, died in Pakistani custody in the last nine months or so," he said. "All the six had completed their sentences, but what we would say, were illegally detained by Pakistan despite completing their sentences and in spite of multiple demands by the Indian side for their release and repatriation," Mr. Bagchi added.

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1	Sal-I	6.5 MW	Sal/Ravi Basin	Chamba	DPR Prepared
2	Malana-III	30 MW	Beas	Kullu	DPR Prepared
3	Dhancho	18 MW	Ravi	Chamba	DPR Prepared
4	Hurla-I	9.4 MW	Beas Basin	Kullu	DPR Prepared
5	Kurpan-III	14.6 MW	KurpanKhad	Kullu	DPR Prepared
	Sub Total (I)	**78.5 MW**			

PART-II PROJECTS WHERE IRs/PFRs ARE READY FEASIBILITY TO BE ASCERTAINED BY IPPs

Sr. No.	Name of Project	Tentative Capacity	River / Stream / Basin	District	Remarks
6	Me	7.5MW	Chenab Basin	Chamba	IR/Salient Features available
7	Dheda	8.9MW	Chenab Basin	Chamba	IR/Salient Features available
8	Dheda-I	9.4MW	Chenab Basin	Chamba	IR/Salient Features available
9	Jankar	24.5MW	Chenab Basin	Lahaul&Spiti/ Chamba	IR/Salient Features available
10	Kutoi	6.2MW	Chenab Basin	Chamba	IR/Salient Features available
11	Galwat	12.8MW	Chenab Basin	Chamba	IR/Salient Features available
12	UR-I	5.8MW	Chenab Basin	Chamba	IR/Salient Features available
13	Nogli Top	8.4MW	Nogli	Shimla	IR/Salient Features available
14	Wangar-II	36.9MW	Wangar	Kinnuar	IR/Salient Features available
15	Duling	8.4MW	Duling	Kinnuar	IR/Salient Features available
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19	Kalihen	19.1MW	Kalihen	Chamba/ Kangra	IR/Salient Features available
20	Manalsu	21.9MW	Manalsu	Kullu	IR/Salient Features available
21	RopaTop	12.0MW	RopaKhad/ Satluj Basin	Kinnaur	IR/Salient Features available
22	Wangar	10.0MW	WangerKhad / Satluj	Kinnaur	IR/Salient Features available
23	Seri Rawla	7.0MW	Seri &Rawla / Beas Basin	Kullu	IR/Salient Features available
24	Gyamthing Stage-I	15.0MW	GyamthingKhad/ Satluj Basin	Kinnaur	IR/Salient Features available
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India-U.K. free trade pact may miss October deadline

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

The India-U.K. Free Trade Agreement (FTA) may not be ready in time for its "Diwali" or October-end deadline indicated both New Delhi and London, as India reacted sharply to British Home Secretary Suella Braverman's statement linking the FTA with migration issues and the U.K. government said "quality", not "speed" would determine the FTA's launch.

Responding to questions at the weekly media briefing, Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said that Diwali (October 24) was only "a goal", seemingly downplaying the time-bound negotiating deadline that had been set in the India-U.K. joint statement in April this year, as well as comments by then-U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson to "get it done by Diwali".

"There is interest on both sides to conclude the FTA at the earliest," said Mr. Bagchi replying to a specific question about the timeline. "I think Diwali was set as a goal, but... that is a goal. I understand that intense discussions are under way and are continuing," he added.

When asked, the British government also declined to give a direct commitment on the timing for the FTA announcement, which was expected to coincide with a proposed visit by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the U.K.. It is understood that the U.K. and India are still targetting the end of October for concluding the "majority of talks" on the FTA, without necessarily signing the agreement.

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> **ARINDAM BAGCHI**
> MEA spokesperson

"We remain clear that we won't sacrifice quality for speed and will only sign when we have a deal that meets the U.K.'s interests," a British government spokesperson said in response to a question from *The Hindu*, stressing that the trade deal is a "huge opportunity to deepen our already strong trading relationship worth £24.3bn a year, which will benefit businesses and sectors right across both our countries."

As *The Hindu* had reported on Thursday, comments by British Home Secretary Suella Braverman earlier this week appeared to throw a dampener on the FTA, when she expressed "reservations" and "concerns" about any trade deal with India that involved more migration or visa flexibility, given what she called the largest number of Indian migrants overstaying illegally in the U.K.

Mr. Bagchi said he would not want to respond to the comments that were made "perhaps for domestic perspectives".

Meanwhile, the Indian High Commission in London issued a detailed rejoinder to Ms. Braverman, calling comments while negotiations are underway inappropriate, and accusing the U.K. of not having made "demonstrable progress" on its commitments as part of the "Migration and Mobility Protocol" signed by both governments last year.

"While certain issues pertaining to Mobility and Migration are currently under discussion as part of these negotiations, any comment on these matters may not be appropriate given that the negotiations are underway, and that any arrangement will include issues of interest to both sides," said the Indian High Commission spokesperson, adding that the Government of India (GoI) is "committed" to facilitate the return of Indians citizens who have overstayed their visa period and has initiated action "on all of the cases referred to the High Commission."

Uttarkashi avalanche toll hits 26, search on for 3 missing persons

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

With the recovery of seven more bodies on Friday, the toll in the Uttarkashi avalanche reached 26. Three people who fell in a crevasse during the training course are still missing.

The Army, ITBP, SDRF and Air Force teams who were engaged in rescue operations recovered four bodies on Wednesday, 15 on Thursday.

"We airlifted 13 mountaineers from the spot and 17 were rescued on foot. Search will continue for rest of the three-missing people," said Devendra Patwal, Disaster Management Officer Uttarkashi, who added that search and rescue operation will continue even on Saturday, but the success will depend on the weather conditions.

ED attaches ₹1.54 cr. in Amnesty case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate attached ₹1.54 crore lying in the bank accounts of Indians for Amnesty International Trust in connection with the money laundering probe against the Amnesty International India Private Limited and others. The total value stands at ₹21.08 crore.

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INBRIEF

Vande Bharat train hits cattle for second day, damaged

In the second such incident in two days, the Gandhinagar-Mumbai Vande Bharat Express on Friday hit a cow at Anand in Gujarat while on its way to Mumbai, officials said. The incident happened at 3:44 p.m. and the train suffered a minor dent on its nose, said a railways official. On Thursday, the train had hit four buffaloes between Vatva and Maninagar stations and the nose panel had to be replaced due to damage. Meanwhile, the Railway Protection Force has registered a case against the owners of the buffaloes for Thursday's incident, officials said.

ED conducts searches in Delhi Excise Policy case

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Friday conducted the third round of searches at multiple locations, including the office premises of India Ahead news channel, in the Delhi Excise Policy case, said a senior agency official. About three dozen premises in Delhi, Punjab and Hyderabad were covered during the operation. "More than 500 raids, for three months more than 300 CBI/ED officers are working 24 hours - to find evidence against Manish Sisodia. (They are) Not finding anything. Because nothing was done. Time of so many officers is being wasted for their dirty politics...," Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said in a tweet.

Tour operators' body writes to PM on restoring e-visas

The Indian Association of Tour Operators (IATO), an apex tourism body representing more than 1,700 inbound tour operators in India, has sought Prime Minister Narendra Modi's intervention in restoring e-visas for visitors from United Kingdom, Canada and other countries from where maximum tourists travel to India. The organisation said it has already made numerous representations and sent letters to the ministries of Home, Tourism and External Affairs in this matter. "Having failed to evoke any response from these ministries, we have written to the PM, hoping for a quick resolution," IATO President Rajiv Mehra said on Friday.

NCB arrests former Air India pilot, five others in drug haul

The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) has seized 60 kg mephedrone drug worth more than ₹120 crore from Mumbai and Gujarat, and arrested six members of an inter-State drug cartel, including a former Air India pilot, a senior official said here on Friday. The action was taken based on specific inputs received by the Naval Intelligence unit at Jamnagar in Gujarat, said Sanjay Singh, Deputy Director General of the NCB in a press briefing here. "We have cracked a drug network spread across States of the country and arrested six persons involved in the syndicate," Mr. Singh said. PTI

'India can lead G20 on education, climate and debt sustainability'

World Bank President David Malpass points to India's involvement in restructuring debts in Sri Lanka and it being a major creditor to African nations, calls the country a leader in education

Sriram Lakshman
WASHINGTON DC

Debt sustainability, education and climate action are three areas of potential for India when it takes on the presidency of the Group of Twenty (G20) in December this year, according to World Bank President David Malpass.

"There's a potential focus on debt," Mr. Malpass told reporters on a Friday morning briefing call ahead of the World Bank IMF Annual Meetings here in Washington.

"I think the world is at a point where there can be progress made for a more effective common framework," he said, highlighting the fact that India is a creditor for Sri Lanka and also some of the "heavily indebted countries of Africa". India has provided some $4 billion in assistance to Sri Lanka this year and is involved with restructuring its debt.

"So as G20 Chair [sic] India has an opportunity there," Mr Malpass said.

World Bank President David Malpass. AFP

His comments on debt sustainability being a priority echo remarks made by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar during his United Nations and U.S. visit that concluded last week.

"I've spoken with Prime Minister Modi about that and ...he... and India is aware of there being debt distress in countries near it as well, so it's very relevant to India," Mr. Malpass said.

The World Bank's president said there had been a very concerning increase in education poverty - with 70% of children in developing countries unable to read the basic texts - and that India could play a leadership role in education. He went on to describe the backsliding in education caused by COVID-19 school closures, including children losing interest because they could not keep up with their grade/class, and decline in educational spending.

"For India's G20, this is a big opportunity. India's been a leader in education," Mr Malpass said, adding that climate too would be a major focus, as advanced and developing countries work on reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Climate issues

You'll see the importance of [climate change] adaptation for many of the countries in terms of saving lives on the ground. That'll be a focus of [the November 2022 United Nations Climate Change Conference in] Sharm el Sheikh and it's also incredibly important for India and for the G 20 as a whole," Mr Malpass said.

In terms of his assessment of the Indian economy Mr Malpass said India had suffered from rising interest rates and inflation, globally, as well as climate events . However, expansion of the social safety net during the COVID pandemic was a mitigating factor as was digitization (which increases the effectiveness of the net) , Mr Malpass said.

The World Bank, on Thursday, had downgraded India's growth estimate for FY22-23 by 1 percentage point to 6.5%.

Cough syrup deaths will impact India's image: Anand Sharma

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Former Commerce Minister asked how the adulterated syrups were given export permits

The death of dozens of children in the Gambia because of an adulterated cough syrup made in Haryana will impact India's reputation as the 'pharmacy of the world', former Commerce and Industry Minister Anand Sharma said on Friday while urging the Centre to fix accountability and take urgent action.

Calling it a monumental tragedy, he said in a statement that the Indian government's stance was unacceptable.

"India has a firm legal framework and regulatory mechanism on safety, quality and standard of manufacturing. No drug that fails the test of safety can be marketed, let be alone exported. The casual statements of government authorities and drugs regulator that these syrups are not sold in India and exported only to Gambia are not reassuring ...This is unacceptable and needs urgent course correction," Mr. Sharma said.

Asserting that no drug could be exported without the Certificate of Pharma Products, Mr. Sharma asked how a syrup, adulterated with diethylene glycol and ethylene glycol, could be given export permits.

"This incident is a wake-up call. India must revisit the regulatory framework to ensure national uniformity for certification, licensing, marketing and export. The tragedy in Gambia must not be allowed to cast a shadow on the reputation of Indian pharma Industry or provide an opportunity to entrenched global pharma lobbies to exploit this," he said..

Mr. Sharma pointed out that the Indian Pharmaceutical Industry had assiduously built a reputation and global acceptability over decades. Arrival of Indian generics brought down the cost of life saving medicines and made them affordable in Africa and other developing countries.

That saved millions of lives and earned India recognition as "pharmacy of the world" but it also unsettled the vested interests of the well-entrenched pharma multinationals, he added.

Every healthy man is obliged to provide for his wife, children: SC

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The purpose of maintenance is to prevent the chance of an estranged wife facing destitution

A healthy man is obliged to provide through legal means, even by physical labour, for his wife and minor children, the Supreme Court has said in a judgment.

A Bench led by Justice Dinesh Maheshwari said it was a basic canon of law "that it is the sacrosanct duty of the husband to provide financial support to the wife and to the minor children. The husband is required to earn money even by physical labour... If he is able-bodied, he cannot avoid his obligation, except on the legally permissible grounds".

The judgment was based on an appeal filed by a woman who failed to win her case for maintenance from her estranged husband in the Family Court and the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

The woman had argued in the High Court that the lower court had denied her claim for maintenance on perfunctory grounds. The husband contended that she hadfailed to prove that she could not maintain herself. But the apex court said the purpose of maintenance was to prevent even the slightest possibility of an estranged wife facing destitution.

IARI says stubble burning in Punjab is at three-year low; Uttar Pradesh records rise

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

Though early days, the number of crop fires reported out of Punjab are at a three-year low, suggests data from the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) that tracks such fires via satellite. Only 320 fires have been reported this year, as opposed to 620 and 1,935 in 2021 and 2020 respectively.

Uttar Pradesh, however, saw a rise in instances, shows the data till October 6, with 80 crop burning events recorded in the State this year as opposed to 52 last year. So far, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and Delhi reported instances of burning that are in single digits.

A farmer burning paddy stubble in Amritsar.

Ahead of the crop burning season, The Centre on September 30 had undertaken a review meeting with States. In a press statement,Union Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav had expressed his "concern and dis-satisfaction" over the preparedness in Punjab in taking concrete action towards Air Quality Management.

Agricultural experts said it is too early to predict if instances of crop burning would be less in Punjab and Haryana this year compared to previous years. "While there is a 6% reduction in acreage under rice (in Punjab) this year due to erratic rains, it would be premature to assume that burning would be less. Instances of stubble burning rise through the season and peak around November. We still have to wait a few weeks to discern a trend," said Dr Ravindra Khaiwal, Professor at PGIMER's department of community medicine and School of Public Health, Chandigarh.

CBI charge sheet against TMC leader over scam

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Friday filed a charge sheet against Trinamool Congress (TMC) leader Anubrata Mondal in connection with cross-border cattle smuggling scam. The charge sheet, which was filed before a court in Asansol, has described Mr. Mondal, Birbhum TMC district president, as a facilitator and beneficiary in the scam.

Mr. Mondal was arrested by the CBI on August 11 and has been behind bars since then. The charge sheet comes 57 days after his arrest and has brought charges against him under Section 420 of the Indian Penal Code and several sections of The Prevention of Corruption Act.

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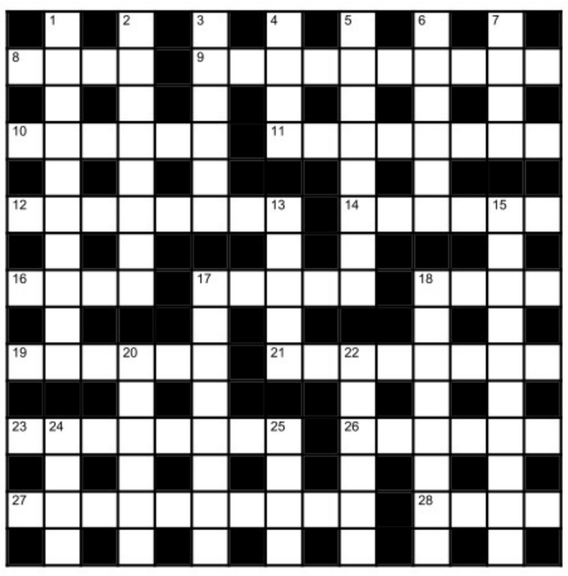

Across

8 Part of speech announced to some extent (4)
9 Apt entertainment (3,7)
10 Love inventor returning with American capital (6)
11 Unnecessary sewing instruments with son (8)
12 Maintained inertial navigation system is not serviceable kind in the end (8)
14 Is taken to court and let out (6)
16 Wilder component of chromosome? (4)
17 Support for forger from terrible villain shelling out one lira (5)
18 Nurse's vehicle having engine at the front or at the back?! (4)
19 Strip foolishly around university and instigate (4,2)
21 Secretive, introverted bird with cut tail nests inside (8)
23 Gets expert treatments (8)
26 Djellaba customer's computer? (6)
27 Loved shirt design for a little while (5-5)
28 South Indian king starting to help follower of Guru Nanak (4)

Down

1 Dependent girl occupies large landmass (10)
2 Cutting into body in Virginia's inherently violent experiment in the beginning (8)
3 Finally keep map book on top of table (2,4)
4 Love writing instrument that is transparent (4)
5 Mummy gets assorted retail stuff (8)
6 Balances South Carolina drinks (6)
7 Guns arranged to *get* some antelopes (4)
13 Female animals give shelter to five birds (5)
15 Heart tremor shaking ground (10)
17 Father returns with defective pearls and clothes (8)
18 Fault under pass leads to crash (8)
20 Take note: Communist has accepted God! (6)
22 Animals from piece of real estate in Spain (6)
24 Excitedly hurry when Yankee leaves German region (4)
25 Protect some ailing vultures earnestly for starters (4)

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Solution to puzzle 13679

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

The best snaana

Srimad Bhagavatam has a story about a poor farmer who had no expectations in life, said P.T. Seshadri in a discourse. He used to collect fallen fruits and scattered grains to feed his family. Lord Narayana wanted to show the world the greatness of this humble farmer.

One day, as the man kept picking fruits, he noticed a gold bar. He ignored it. In the meanwhile, the Lord had come to his house in the guise of an astrologer. He told the farmer's wife about the gold that her husband had come across. He told her to urge the farmer to go back and fetch the gold. When the farmer arrived, she told him to go and get the gold. But the farmer made no attempt to do so. The agitated wife asked the astrologer to advise her husband. The astrologer said the farmer should not hesitate to bring the gold. The world respected only those who were rich. Moreover, what would he do, if he fell ill? The astrologer added that God had intended the gold for him, which was why he had spotted it. The farmer replied that he was not going to deny the truth of anything that the astrologer had said. But so far he had enjoyed peace of mind in his life. If he were to come into possession of gold, he would worry about how to safeguard it. He said the Lord had put the gold there, to see if he would yield to temptation.

The farmer said the Lord had given him the jnana that the Lord was the means and the end. The farmer said this jnana was the best snaana one could have, and that one must constantly think of the Lord's qualities. The astrologer then revealed that He was none other than Lord Hari. He said jnana about the Supreme One was indeed the best snaana. Andal refers to this jnana as *neerattam* (bath).

SAN ANTONIO

U.S. and Philippines reinforce their alliance with joint military drills

U.S. and Philippine marines held joint military drills involving more than 3,500 troops in the South China Sea on Friday. It is the first time the exercises were held under Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos, who has expressed strong support for the alliance, after rocky relations under his predecessor Rodrigo Duterte. AFP

YANGON

More than 1 million displaced since Myanmar coup, says UN

The UNICEF said 10,17,000 people have been internally displaced in Myanmar since last year's coup. More than half of those forced to flee are in the country's northwest Sagaing region, which has seen some of the fiercest fighting. There were "significant challenges" to delivering humanitarian assistance in the region, UNICEF said. AFP

PARIS

World food prices fall for sixth straight month, says UN

World food prices have fallen for a sixth month in a row in September, UN data showed on Friday, as they continued to decline since a record reached following Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The Food and Agriculture Organization said its price index averaged 136.3 points in September, a 1.1% drop from August. AP

TEHRAN

Iran says Mahsa Amini died of illness rather than 'blows'

Iran said an investigation into the death of Mahsa Amini found that she lost her life to illness rather than reported beatings that sparked three weeks of bloody protests. The death of Amini, whose Kurdish first name is Jhina, was related to "surgery for a brain tumour at the age of eight," Iran's forensic body said. AP

Ukraine predicts more gains as Putin's Generals face flak

Zelensky says his forces recaptured more than 500 sq. km of territory and dozens of settlements in the Kherson region; Pro-Russian forces claim gains in Donetsk

Reuters
KYIV

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said Kyiv's forces were swiftly recapturing more territory, especially in the south while Moscow's military leadership faced rare public backlash from within Russia over its handling of the war.

Mr. Zelensky said in a video address on Thursday that Kyiv's forces recaptured more than 500 sq. km of territory and dozens of settlements in the southern Kherson region alone in October.

"There are successes in the east as well. The day will surely come when we will report on successes in the Zaporizhzhya region (in southeastern Ukraine) as well, in those areas that the occupiers still control," Mr. Zelensky said.

Broken prospects: A disabled woman being helped by neighbours to return to her home in the Donetsk region on Friday. AFP

Thousands of Russian troops have retreated after the front line crumbled, first in the northeast, and, since the beginning of this week, also in the south.

In rare, but growing, public criticism of Russia's top military officials, Kirill Stremousov, the deputy head of the Russian-backed administration in the Kherson region, slammed "Generals and Ministers" in Moscow for failing to understand the problems on the front lines.

Preventive strike

In remarks to Australia's Lowy Institute, Mr. Zelensky said NATO should launch preventive strikes on Russia to preclude its use of nuclear weapons. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov denounced the comments as "an appeal to start yet another world war with unpredictable, monstrous consequences," according to *RIA* news agency.

Meanwhile, separatist forces in the Donetsk region said they had reclaimed a series of villages near the Ukraine-controlled industrial town of Bakhmut, which has been under Russian shelling for weeks. The announcement came as Russia's Orthodox Church said President Vladimir Putin's rule had been divined by God, congratulating him on his 70th birthday.

"On the territory of the Donetsk People's Republic, a grouping of troops of the Donetsk and Lugansk republics, with fire support from Russian forces, liberated Otradovka, Veselaya Dolina and Zaitsevo," the separatists said.

Ahead of midterm elections, Biden pardons Americans for possession of cannabis

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

U.S. President Joe Biden on Thursday pardoned thousands of Americans convicted of marijuana possession in a major new step towards destigmatising the drug – and fulfilling a promise to his supporters a month before midterm elections.

"I am announcing a pardon of all prior federal offenses of simple possession of marijuana," Mr. Biden said.

He did not call for fully decriminalising cannabis, saying that "limitations on trafficking, marketing and under-age sales should stay in place."

Instead, the U.S. President homed in on individual possession of a substance that the government health authorities estimate was used by at least 18% of the population in 2019.

Joe Biden

In addition to the pardons, Mr. Biden instructed the departments of justice and health to determine whether cannabis should be reclassified as a less dangerous substance.

Officials told reporters that about 6,500 people are directly affected by convictions under federal marijuana statutes. Clemency will extend to thousands more convicted under laws in the federal capital, Washington. However, Mr. Biden's gesture aims to take the shift much further, putting pressure on State authorities everywhere to follow suit.

Ahead of the November 8 midterms, where his Democrats are struggling to hold onto even partial control of Congress, Mr. Biden has now satisfied a key demand from racial justice activists angered at the way enforcement of cannabis laws often targets ethnic minorities.

Russian court orders seizure of Memorial's Moscow office

Agence France-Presse
MOSCOW

A Moscow court on Friday ordered the seizure of Memorial's Moscow headquarters, in a ruling delivered hours after the rights group was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, agencies reported.

The Tverskoy court ordered the group's central Moscow headquarters to "become state property", the *Interfax* agency reported.

Memorial, Russia's most renowned rights group, was officially disbanded by authorities in December last year.

It was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize earlier on Friday, along with jailed Belarusian activist Ales Bialiatski and Ukraine's Center for Civil Liberties.

Ukraine changes mind on UNHRC vote on Xinjiang

Agence France-Presse
GENEVA

Ukraine indicated on Friday it had changed its mind on a historic vote a day earlier that saw the UN Human Rights Council refuse to debate violations in China's Xinjiang region.

Western nations suffered a heavy defeat at the UN's top rights body on Thursday when they failed to get enough votes to pass a first-ever attempted resolution targeting China.

The draft text, presented by the United States and a number of other Western countries, had merely asked the council to debate a UN report, citing possible crimes against humanity against Uighurs and other Muslim minorities in the far-western Xinjiang region.

Countries on the 47-member council voted 19-17 against holding a debate on rights in Xinjiang

But in a moment of knife-edge drama, countries on the 47-member council in Geneva voted 19-17 against holding a debate on human rights in Xinjiang, with 11 nations abstaining.

China's lobbying

Following an intense lobbying campaign by Beijing, many of the votes against and abstentions did not come as a huge surprise.

However, the decision by conflict-torn Ukraine, which relies heavily on Western backing as it battles Russia's invasion, to abstain in the vote caught some off guard.

And Ukraine itself appears to have had second thoughts.

Council takes note

In an unusual move, Ukrainian Ambassador Yevhenia Filipenko took the floor on Friday, asking that the "record of the proceedings reflect our position in favour of the adoption of the mentioned decision" on Xinjiang.

The president of the council, Federico Villegas of Argentina, said the council would "take note of your statement", but stressed that "in accordance with the rules and practices the result of the vote will remain as it was announced yesterday."

Even if the result had shifted to reflect the changed vote, the resolution on China would still have failed, by one vote.

No Chinese troops in Solomon Islands: PM

Agence France-Presse
SYDNEY

Solomon Islands Prime Minister Manasseh Sogavare said on Friday he has assured Australia that his nation will not allow a Chinese military presence in its territory. The island nation has been at the centre of a diplomatic tussle in the southern Pacific Ocean between the United States, Australia and their allies on one side and China on the other.

Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese met Mr. Sogavare in Canberra to smooth ties that have been frayed since the Solomons signed a pact with Beijing this year – a move that sparked fears of Chinese military presence in the region.

U.S. imposes new sanctions on Chinese chips

Reuters

The Biden administration on Friday published a sweeping set of export controls, including a measure to cut China off from certain semiconductor chips made anywhere in the world with U.S. tools, vastly expanding its reach in its bid to slow Beijing's technological and military advances.

The rules, some of which go into effect immediately, build on restrictions sent in letters earlier this year to toolmakers KLA Corp, Lam Research Corp and Applied Materials Inc, effectively requiring them to halt shipments of equipment to wholly Chinese-owned factories producing advanced logic chips.

The raft of measures could amount to the biggest shift in U.S. policy toward shipping technology to China since the 1990s.

In a briefing with reporters on Thursday, government officials said many of the measures sought to prevent foreign firms from selling advanced chips to China or supplying Chinese firms with tools to make their own advanced chips. They conceded, however, that they have not yet secured any promises that allied nations will implement similar measures.

The expansion of U.S. powers to control exports to China of chips made with U.S. tools is based on a broadening of the so-called foreign direct product rule. It was previously expanded to give the U.S. government authority to control exports of chips made overseas to Chinese telecoms giant Huawei Technologies Co Ltd and later to stop the flow of semiconductors to Russia.

On Friday, the Biden administration applied the expanded restrictions to China's IFLYTEK, Dahua Technology, and Megvii Technology, companies added to the entity list in 2019 over allegations they aided Beijing in the suppression of its Uighur minority group.

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ಬಹಿರಂಗ ಹರಾಜು

ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಕ್ರಮವಾಗಿ ಗಣಿಗಾರಿಕೆ/ಸಾಗಾಣಿಕೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದ ಪಿಂಕ್ ಗ್ರಾನೈಟ್ ಕಲ್ಲು ದಿಮ್ಮಿಗಳನ್ನು ವಶಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಠಾಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕರಣಗಳನ್ನು ದಾಖಲಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. (ಇಳಕಲ್, ಹುನಗುಂದ ಹಾಗೂ ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಪೋಲಿಸ್ ಠಾಣಾ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ) ಮಾನ್ಯ ಜೆ.ಎಂ.ಎಫ್.ಸಿ. ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ಆದೇಶದಂತೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಟಾಸ್ಕ್ ಫೋರ್ಸ್ (ಗಣಿ) ಸಮಿತಿ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತೀರ್ಮಾನಿಸಿದಂತೆ, ಕೆ.ಎಂ.ಎಂ.ಸಿ.ಆರ್–1994 ರ ನಿಯಮ 47 ರನ್ವಯ ಬಹಿರಂಗ ಹರಾಜು ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯನ್ನು ಇಳಕಲ್, ಹುನಗುಂದ ಹಾಗೂ ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ ತಹಶೀಲ್ದಾರ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗುವುದು. ಸದರಿ ವಿವರಗಳು ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿದೆ.

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2(a)	31/2017 ಕಲಂ	ಒಟ್ಟು 40 ಗ್ರೇ–ಗ್ರಾನೈಟ್ ಖಂಡಾ ಕಲ್ಲುಗಳು, ಗ್ರಾ. ಪೋಲಿಸ್ ಠಾಣೆ ಇಳಕಲ್.	9,340/–	60,648/–	25/10/2022	29/10/2022 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ: 11:00 ಗಂಟೆ ತಹಶೀಲ್ದಾರ ಕಛೇರಿ ಇಳಕಲ್
2(b)	32/2017 ಕಲಂ.	ಒಟ್ಟು 10 ಪಿಂಕ್–ಗ್ರಾನೈಟ್ ಖಂಡಾ ಕಲ್ಲುಗಳು, ಗ್ರಾ. ಪೋಲಿಸ್ ಠಾಣೆ ಇಳಕಲ್.	5,845/–			
2(c)	54/2017 ಕಲಂ.	ಒಟ್ಟು 40 ಗ್ರಾನೈಟಿಕ್–ನೀಸ್ ಖಂಡಾ ಕಲ್ಲುಗಳು, ಗ್ರಾ. ಪೋಲಿಸ್ ಠಾಣೆ ಇಳಕಲ್.	9,340/–			
2(d)	76/2017 ಕಲಂ.	ಒಟ್ಟು 04 ಪಿಂಕ್–ಗ್ರಾನೈಟ್ ಖಂಡಾ ಕಲ್ಲುಗಳು, ಗ್ರಾ. ಪೋಲಿಸ್ ಠಾಣೆ ಇಳಕಲ್.	2,338/–			
2(e)	60/2017 ಕಲಂ	ಒಟ್ಟು 30 ಪಿಂಕ್–ಗ್ರಾನೈಟ್ ಖಂಡಾ ಕಲ್ಲುಗಳು, ಅಮೀನಗಡ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಠಾಣಾ,	2,15,726/–			
ಒಟ್ಟು ಮೊತ್ತ			2,42,589/–			
3(a)	67/1995 ಕಲಂ	39 ಪಿಂಕ್–ಗ್ರಾನೈಟ್ ಖಂಡಾ ಕಲ್ಲುಗಳು ಹುನಗುಂದ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಠಾಣಾ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.	18,720/–	6,822/–	25/10/2022	27/10/2022 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ: 11:00 ಗಂಟೆ ತಹಶೀಲ್ದಾರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಹುನಗುಂದ.
3(b)	34/2005 ಕಲಂ	02 ಪಿಂಕ್–ಗ್ರಾನೈಟ್ ದಿಮ್ಮಿಗಳು ಹುನಗುಂದ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಠಾಣಾ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ. ಒಟ್ಟು=9.455 ಕ್ಯೂ.ಮೀ.	8,567/–			
ಒಟ್ಟು ಮೊತ್ತ			27287/–			

ಆಸಕ್ತರು ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಶುಲ್ಕ ರೂ. 1000/– ಚಲನ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ & ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. (ಭದ್ರತಾ ಠೇವಣಿ)ಯ 25% ಮೊತ್ತವನ್ನು The Deputy Director, DMG, Bagalkote ರವರ ಹೆಸರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಡಿ.ಡಿ. ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಪಾವತಿಸಿ ಹರಾಜಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಹರಾಜಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಷರತ್ತು ಮತ್ತು ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಉಪ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಗಣಿ ಮತ್ತು ಭೂವಿಜ್ಞಾನ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಸೆಕ್ಟರ್ ನಂ. 67, ಯುನಿಟ್–02, ನವನಗರ ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ ಇಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಖುದ್ದಾಗಿ ಭೇಟಿ ನೀಡಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಸೂಚನಾ ಫಲಕ ಅಥವಾ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 08354–297534 ರ ಮೂಲಕ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

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2. Jyoti Pravin Karve (joint holder)

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No. of Securities: **100**

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INBRIEF

India slaps $244-mn notice on French spirits maker Pernod

Indian authorities have demanded $244 million from the local unit of French spirits giant Pernod Ricard for undervaluing concentrate imports for more than a decade to avoid full payment of duties, a government notice seen by Reuters shows.

The demand is the latest setback for Pernod in India, a key growth market where it has long been lobbying Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his tax officials to settle disputes related to valuation of liquor imports. REUTERS

M&M unveils XUV300 Turbosport at ₹10.35 lakh

Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. (M&M) has announced the unveiling of its XUV300 Turbosport series - the first Mahindra sport utility vehicle (SUV) to be powered by an all-new 1.2 L mStallion TGDi engine - at ₹10.35 lakh (ex-showroom). With this offering, the XUV300 will be now available with three powertrains - the existing diesel and petrol Turbo series and the new TurboSport series.

Government notifies credit guarantee plan for start-ups

The government has notified the credit guarantee scheme for start-ups to provide them collateral-free loans up to a specified limit.

In a notification, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) said that loan/debt facilities sanctioned to an eligible borrower on or after October 6, would be eligible for coverage under the scheme. "Maximum guarantee cover per borrower shall not exceed ₹10 crore," the DPIIT said. PTI

Government kicks off IDBI Bank disinvestment process

Centre will sell 30.48% holding in the lender, while current promoter LIC will offload 30.24% stake; interested investors will have to submit expressions of interest by December 16 this year

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The government on Friday kicked off the process for the strategic disinvestment of IDBI Bank along with the transfer of management control, by issuing a preliminary information memorandum to invite expressions of interest from prospective buyers.

The Government of India will sell 30.48% of its stake in the bank, and Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) shall sell 30.24%, aggregating to 60.72% of IDBI Bank's share capital, along with transfer of management control in the lender. LIC, the bank's current promoter, holds 49.24% stake, while the government's stake comes to 45.48%. Public shareholders hold 5.28%. Strategic investors interested in taking over the bank have been given time till October 28 to submit any queries they have on the memorandum and submit expressions of interest by December 16.

Base floor: A minimum net worth of ₹22,500 crore has been set for firms looking to bid individually or via a consortium. G. RAMAKRISHNA

Only qualified bidders will be given the RFP (Request for Proposal) document in the second stage of the transaction. A minimum net worth of ₹22,500 crore has been set for firms looking to bid individually or via a consortium, which can include a maximum of four entities with a lead member holding at least 40% stake.

India's forex reserves slide to more than two-year low

Reuters
MUMBAI

India's foreign exchange reserves fell to $532.66 billion in the week through September 30, their lowest level since July 2020, the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) weekly statistical supplement showed on Friday.

The country's reserves declined for the ninth consecutive week. They were $537.52 billion at the end of the previous week ended September 23.

Car firms propose tax cut on imports under U.K. trade deal

Reuters
NEW DELHI

Indian carmakers have proposed cutting to 30% the tax rate on imported cars as part of a trade deal with Britain, sources told Reuters, an unprecedented move that could ease access to one of the world's most protected automobile markets.

It is the first time Indian carmakers have backed such cuts, caving in to pressure from a government that wants them to give up their protectionist

position and lower entry barriers, sources said.

Import taxes from 60% to 100% in the world's fourth-largest car market rank among the highest globally, drawing criticism from firms such as Tesla Inc., which shelved entry plans because of the high tariffs.

Lobby group the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers has written to the government, backing phased cuts to 30% over five years, following a grace period of five years with none, three sources said, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

It was not immediately clear if India had presented the offer to Britain in trade talks due to end soon, with the signing of a final deal expected by the end of the month.

Rupee sinks to new low of 82.32 as dollar rules strong versus peers, stocks slide

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

The rupee depreciated 15 paise to close at an all-time low of 82.32 against the dollar on Friday as a firm greenback and risk-averse sentiment among investors weighed on the local unit.

Moreover, a negative trend in domestic equities and elevated crude oil prices sapped investor appetite, forex traders said.

On Thursday, the Indian currency for the first time closed below the 82 level, plunging 55 paise to a record low of 82.17.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, declined 0.19% to 112.04.

Oil firms

Global oil benchmark Brent crude futures surged 0.82% to $95.19 per barrel after oil cartel OPEC decided to cut production in view of weakening global demand.

In the domestic equity market, the 30-share S&P BSE Sensex dropped 30.81 points, or 0.05%, to end at 58,191.29, while the broader NSE Nifty index fell 17.15 points, or 0.1%, to 17,314.65.

Foreign institutional investors were net buyers in the capital market on Thursday as they purchased shares worth ₹279.01 crore, as per provisional exchange data.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	CHANGE
Sensex	58,191	-0.05
US Dollar	82.32	-0.18
Gold	52,300	0.15
Brent oil	97.22	3.23

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3277.60	-7.40
Adani Ports	816.90	-7.20
Apollo Hosp	4394.10	3.60
Asian Paints	3343.70	14.75
Axis Bank	755.70	0.60
Bajaj Auto	3603.55	8.90
Bajaj Finserv	1699.00	-11.55
Bajaj Finance	7345.15	-59.00
Bharti Airtel	793.10	4.50
BPCL	307.40	-4.75
Britannia Ind	3785.65	18.10
Cipla	1130.50	-3.95
Coal India	229.70	-3.80
Divis Lab	3735.75	2.75
Dr Reddys Lab	4376.65	-20.90
Eicher Motors	3498.55	-32.80
Grasim Ind	1697.90	14.80
HCL Tech	957.70	-6.85
HDFC	2326.90	10.80
HDFC Bank	1430.80	-6.20
HDFC Life	526.85	-2.80
Hero MotoCorp	2624.95	-21.15
Hindalco	411.10	-1.55
Hind Unilever	2599.70	-14.30
ICICI Bank	882.55	-2.90
IndusInd Bank	1213.40	12.50
Infosys	1451.20	-3.95
ITC	334.10	-2.55
JSW Steel	666.05	-8.40
Kotak Bank	1825.40	6.50
L&T	1924.55	11.60
M&M	1238.85	-18.05
Maruti Suzuki	8779.10	76.10
NestleIndia	19321.00	20.85
NTPC	164.30	1.40
ONGC	134.05	1.40
PowerGrid Corp	209.40	3.10
Reliance Ind	2432.35	10.25
SBI Life	1243.20	-1.95
State Bank	530.20	-7.10
Sun Pharma	955.15	1.25
TataConsumerProduct	780.90	-13.40
Tata Motors	412.15	-1.95
Tata Steel	103.30	-0.25
TCS	3064.90	-37.05
Tech Mahindra	1023.85	-7.45
Titan	2730.50	137.65
UltraTech Cement	6203.50	-83.75
UPL	690.45	4.45
Wipro	408.10	-2.05

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on October 07

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.12	82.44
Euro	80.51	80.82
British Pound	92.03	92.40
Japanese Yen (100)	56.68	56.90
Chinese Yuan	11.54	11.59
Swiss Franc	82.91	83.24
Singapore Dollar	57.49	57.72
Canadian Dollar	59.91	60.15
Malaysian Ringitt	17.65	17.73
Australian Dollar	52.76	52.97

Source:Indian Bank

Adani Group likely to invest ₹65,000-crore in Rajasthan

Press Trust of India
JAIPUR

Richest Asian Gautam Adani on Friday announced a ₹65,000-crore investment in Rajasthan over the next 5 to 7 years in setting up a mega 10,000 MW solar power capacity, expanding cement plant and upgrading Jaipur airport.

The investment by ports-to-energy conglomerate that Mr. Adani heads, also spans city gas infrastructure for retailing CNG to automobiles and piped gas to households and industries as well as laying transmission lines to carry renewable power.

Speaking at the Invest Rajasthan 2022 Summit here, he said the Group is investing ₹50,000 crore to add 10,000 megawatts of renewable power capacity.

Hero MotoCorp unveils e-scooter VIDA V1 at ₹1.45 lakh

Press Trust of India
JAIPUR

The country's largest two wheeler maker Hero MotoCorp on Friday forayed into the electric vehicle segment with the introduction of its first electric scooter VIDA V1 priced at ₹1.45 lakh (ex-showroom).

The company has introduced two trims of the scooter – VIDA V1 Plus and VIDA V1 Pro - tagged at ₹1.45 lakh and ₹1.59 lakh, respectively.

The VIDA V1 Plus comes with a range of 143 kilometres, while the VIDA V1 Pro comes with an enhanced range of 165 kms on a single charge.

The company would commence sales of the electric scooter in Bengaluru, Delhi and Jaipur before

scaling up to the new locations. Bookings would start on October 10 while deliveries would commence from the second week of December.

Speaking to reporters, Chairman and CEO Pawan Munjal said the firm would add new locations gradually while utilising its existing strength in terms of strong sales infrastructure.

RBI to start e-rupee pilot for specific use cases

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday said it will soon commence the pilot introduction of e-rupee for specific use cases with a view to bolstering India's digital economy, making payment systems more efficient, and checking money laundering.

In a concept note on Central Bank Digital Currency, the RBI said CBDC is aimed to complement, rather than replace, current forms of money and is envisaged to provide an additional payment avenue to users, not to replace the existing payment systems.

"Supported by state-of-the-art payment systems, the Digital Rupee system will further bolster digital economy," the RBI said.

Expensive handsets, high tariffs may delay adoption of 5G services

Yuthika Bhargava
NEW DELHI

Up to 10 times faster Internet speeds, download of 8K movies in seconds and console quality gaming experience on smartphones – these are just some of many benefits that 5G networks will bring to users. However, lack of affordable devices and high tariffs may drag down the pace of adoption of these services.

Even though 5G services were unveiled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi just last week, the first 5G smartphone was unveiled

in the country in 2020. Since then, 5G smartphone penetration has reached only about 50 million shipments of the total smartphone base of 550 million units.

While these 5G-enabled users will not need to switch devices to experience 5G services once the network goes live, analysts said they expected only premium phone users to switch to 5G initially.

'Affordable devices'

India's 5G years "will be marked with the introduction of mass volumes in ₹10,000-20,000," according to a report by Techarc. However, for now, buyers will have to spend more as the average selling prices have already gone up by 15-25% after the introduction of 5G devices.

For the smartphone industry that has seen its user base plateau over the past three years 5G may come as a 'saviour', but users may need to wait 2-3 years for convincing use cases.

Prachir Singh, senior research analyst at Counterpoint Research, said Indian consumers want a 5G device but whether they will shift to 5G plans will depend on tariffs.

"In China also, a lot of people have 5G devices but only a fraction of those users are availing of 5G services," he noted.

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FOOTBALL

Lionel Messi says Qatar World Cup will be his last

Lionel Messi has confirmed that the World Cup in Qatar next month will be the last of his career. The 35-year-old Argentina star will play in his fifth World Cup but is still seeking his first title at the showpiece tournament. "There's some anxiety and nerves at the same time ... it is the last one," Messi told Star Plus.

KABADDI

Naveen powers Dabang Delhi past U Mumba; Bulls beat Titans

Dabang Delhi captain Naveen Kumar (13 points) powered his team to a 41-27 win over U Mumba in the opening match of the Pro Kabaddi League Season 9 in Bengaluru on Friday. In the second contest, Bengaluru Bulls overcame Telugu Titans' challenge 34-29 in the second contest, giving the home fans a reason to rejoice.

CRICKET

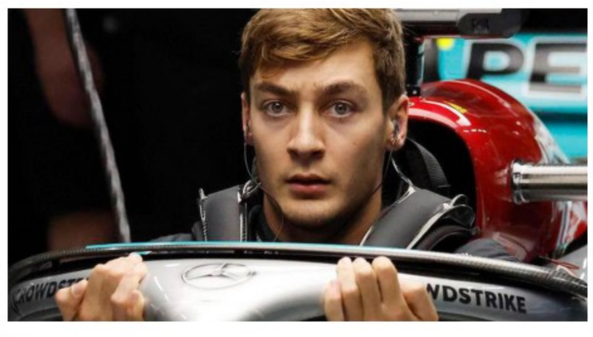
Pakistan beats Bangladesh in tri-series opener

Mohammad Rizwan (78 n.o., 50b, 7x4, 2x6) set up Pakistan's 21-run win over Bangladesh in a tri-series match in Christchurch on Friday.

The scores: Pakistan 167/5 in 20 overs (Mohammad Rizwan 78 n.o.) bt Bangladesh 146/8 in 20 overs (Yasir Ali 42 n.o., Liton Das 35, Mohammad Wasim 3/24).

FORMULA ONE

Russell and Hamilton make it a Mercedes 1-2 in second practice



George Russell and Lewis Hamilton made it a Mercedes one-two ahead of title-chasing Max Verstappen in a soggy second practice on Friday for the Japanese Grand Prix in Suzuka. Red Bull's Verstappen can clinch his second straight World title on Sunday if he wins the race with the fastest lap, no matter what his rivals do.

Nida's all-round performance fashions Pakistan's remarkable win over India

First loss in six years to archrivals a result of Indian batters throwing away their wickets; Richa Ghosh's valiant pinch-hitting at the fag end to no avail as target remains tantalising out of reach; skipper Bismah Maroof also chips in to script Pakistan's turnaround after shock loss to Thailand

ASIA CUP

Press Trust of India
SYLHET

The Indian batters bungled badly in a straightforward chase as Pakistan recorded its first win over India in six years with a 13-run victory in the Women's Asia Cup here on Friday.

India, the most formidable team in Asia by some distance, batted poorly to be all out for 124 in 19.4 overs after Pakistan posted a modest 137 for six.

Pakistan scripted a remarkable turnaround less than 24 hours after a shock loss to Thailand.

Tale of woe: The Indian batters contributed to their own downfall, giving the Pakistanis reason to celebrate. PTI

All sorts of trouble

At 65 for five, India was in all sorts of trouble with most of the batters, including star player Smriti Mandhana (17, 19b), throwing their wickets away.

Going into the game, India had a 10-2 record over Pakistan, whose previous win had come way back in the 2016 T20 World Cup in New Delhi.

With India needing 61 off the last six overs, Pakistan was favourite to pull off victory.

But, Richa Ghosh (26, 13b), who had be taken off the field during Pakistan's innings after suffering a heat stroke, brought India back into the game with three sixes against the spinners before being caught in the deep in the 19th over.

Her dismissal effectively ended India's hopes.

Earlier, Pakistan, shocked by Thailand on Thursday, put up an improved batting performance, but it still seemed below par.

Nida Dar (56 not out, 37b) and skipper Bismah Maroof (32, 35b) shared a crucial 76-run stand off 58 balls to give the innings impetus.

Nida was the pick of the Pakistan batters as she used her feet well, especially against the spinners, to get the big hits.

Off-spinner Deepti Sharma (3/27) stood out among the Indian bowlers.

SCOREBOARD

PAKISTAN

Muneeba Ali st. Richa b Deepti 17 *(17b, 1x4)*, Sidra Ameen c Richa b Pooja 11 *(14b, 1x4)*, Bismah Maroof c Rajeshwari b Renuka 32 *(35b, 2x4)*, Omaima Sohail lbw b Deepti 0 *(2b)*, Nida Dar (not out) 56 *(37b, 5x4, 1x6)*, Aliya Riaz c Meghana b Pooja 7 *(7b, 1x4)*, Ayesha Naseem c Jemimah b Deepti 9 *(7b, 1x4)*, Tuba Hassan (not out) 1 *(1b)*; Extras (w-4): 4; Total (for six wkts. in 20 overs): 137.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-26 (Sidra, 4.3 overs), 2-33 (Muneeba, 5.4), 3-33 (Omaima, 5.6), 4-109 (Bismah, 15.4), 5-121 (Aliya, 17.3), 6-135 (Ayesha, 19.4).

INDIA BOWLING

Renuka 4-0-24-1, Deepti 4-0-27-3, Pooja 4-0-23-2, Hemalatha 2-0-21-0, Rajeshwari 4-0-25-0, Radha 2-0-17-0.

INDIA

S. Meghana c Sidra b Nashra 15 *(14b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Smriti Mandhana c Aiman b Nashra 17 *(19b, 2x4)*, Jemimah Rodrigues c Tuba b Nida 2 *(8b)*, D. Hemalatha b Tuba 20 *(22b, 3x4)*, Pooja Vastrakar run out 5 *(8b)*, Deepti Sharma c Bismah b Sadia 16 *(11b, 3x4)*, Harmanpreet Kaur c Aliya b Nida 12 *(12b, 1x4)*, Richa Ghosh c Aliya b Sadia 26 *(13b,1x4, 3x6)*, Radha Yadav c Aliya b Nashra 3 *(4b)*, Renuka Singh (not out) 2 *(2b)*, Rajeshwari Gayakwad b Aiman 1 *(5b)*; Extras (lb-1, w-4): 5; Total (in 19.4 overs): 124.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-23 (Meghana, 3.2), 2-29 (Jemimah, 5.2), 3-50 (Smriti, 9.4), 4-63 (Pooja, 11.4), 5-65 (Hemalatha, 12.1), 6-91 (Deepti, 15.2), 7-91 (Harmanpreet, 16.2), 8-110 (Radha, 17.6), 9-120 (Richa, 18.3).

PAKISTAN BOWLING

Sadia 4-0-24-2, Nida 4-0-23-2, Nashra 4-0-30-3, Aiman 3.4-0-14-1, Tuba 4-0-32-1.

Toss: Pakistan.

Player-of-the-Match: Nida Dar.

Pakistan won by 13 runs.

Lesson to learn: Samson admits he may have missed a trick in conducting the chase. R.V. MOORTHY

'We fell short of finding two big hits'

SA IN INDIA

RAKESH RAO
LUCKNOW

"In the end, we fell short of finding two big hits – a six and a four." That's how Sanju Samson summed up India's nine-run loss to South Africa in the first ODI on Thursday.

"We knew (Tabraiz) Shamsi was left with an over and he could be targeted. He had proved expensive and I was confident of hitting four sixes if we needed even 24 in the final over," said Samson.

As it turned out, India needed 30 off the 20th over. After a wide ball, Samson raised the excitement by hitting a 6, 4, 4 before managing a 0, 4, 1 off the next three.

In fact, it was the 19th over – bowled by Kagiso Rabada – that almost put the match beyond the host as the bowler conceded just seven runs. More significantly, Samson did not get the strike in that over.

"I missed a trick or two. I did make 80-plus runs but faltered in the end. Though we did well, there was a lesson to learn. The next time, in a similar situation, I will try to do better," said Samson.

"I like to spend time at the crease, it becomes even more special when you don the India colours."

Hashika claims her sixth gold; Sajan takes his yellow metal tally to five

NG SWIMMING

M.R. Praveen Chandran
RAJKOT

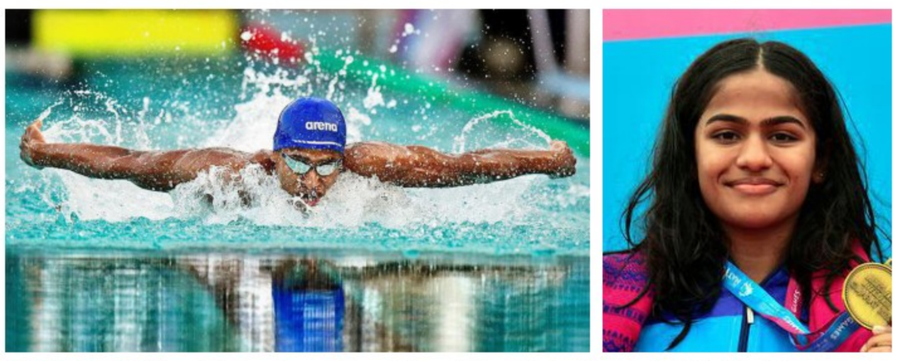
Hashika Ramachandra, the 14-year-old budding star of Indian swimming, underlined her class by winning her sixth gold of the 36th National Games at the Sardar Patel Aquatic Complex here on Friday.

The Karnataka girl won back-to-back gold medals on the penultimate day and set a new meet record in 400m freestyle after warding off a tough challenge from Delhi's Bhavya Sachdeva.

Hashika timed 4:32.17s to better Aakansha Vora's old mark (4:32.50) set in 2015. Hashika also won the 200m individual medley in 2:26.23s for her sixth gold medal of the games.

Veteran Sajan Prakash picked up two gold medals to take his yellow metal tally to five.

Sajan, in a storming final 50 metres, beat back the challenge from Karnataka's S. Siva and MP's Advait Page to set a new mark in 200m IM.



Blazing away: Sajan picked up two gold medals on Friday, winning the men's 400m freestyle and 200m IM. *Right:* Hashika continued her golden spree. RITU RAJ KONWAR

Medals Table

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Services	42	31	27	100
Haryana	29	23	23	75
Maharashtra	26	26	48	100
Karnataka	21	21	33	75
Tamil Nadu	19	19	21	59
Uttar Pradesh	19	14	12	45
Kerala	15	15	11	41
Punjab	14	24	19	57
Manipur	14	5	12	31
Delhi	12	13	29	54

Breaking away

At the homestretch Sajan broke away from Siva and Advait – despite a terrific sprint couldn't catch up with the Kerala swimmer – who clocked 2:05.81s to break P.S. Madhu's 2015 mark (2:08.98).

Sajan also won the 400m freestyle in 3:58.11s after nosing ahead of his rivals in the final 25 metres. Advait came up with his customary fast finish to pip Aneesh for the silver.

The 50m backstroke event didn't produce any surprises with Srihari Nataraj (Karnataka) and Maana Patel (Gujarat) winning the gold in the men's and women's sections with meet records.

Leading from the start

Srihari led from the start to clock 25.65s and improved his own record (25.88s) set in the heats in the morning.

Maana blitzed the field to win in 29.77s and also bettered her own record (29.81s) set in the heats.

Karnataka won the 4x100m mixed freestyle to take its gold tally to 18.

The result:
Men: 400m freestyle: 1. Sajan Prakash (Ker) (3:58.11s), 2. Advait Page (MP), 3. Aneesh S. Gowda (Kar); **200m IM:** 1. Sajan (2:05.81s: NGR; OR: 2:08.98, P.S.Madhu, SSCB, 2015), 2. S. Siva (Kar), 3. Benedicton Rohit (TN); **50m backstroke:** 1. Srihari Nataraj (Kar) (25.65s: NGR; OR: 25.88s, Srihari, 2022), 2. V. Vinayak (SSCB), 3. S. Siva (Kar). **Women: 400m freestyle:** 1. Hashika Ramachandra (Kar) (4:32.17: NGR; OR: 4.32.50, Aakansha Vora, Maharashtra, 2015), 2. Bhavya Sachdeva (Del), 3. Vritti Agarwal (Tel). **200m IM:** Hashika (2:26.23s), 2. Manavi Varma (Kar), 3. Shrungi Bandekar (Goa). **50m backstroke:** 1. Maana Patel (Guj) (29.77s: NGR; OR: 29.91s, Maana, 2022), 2. Ridhima Veerendra Kumar (Kar), 3. Pratishitha Dangi (Ben). **4x100m mixed freestyle:** 1. Karnataka (3:44.62), 2. Maharashtra, 3. Tamil Nadu.

Vivaan. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Technical tweak does the trick for Vivaan

Y.B. Sarangi
AHMEDABAD

Vivaan Kapoor overcame a technical issue to claim the men's trap gold medal at the National Games here on Friday.

The 20-year-old Vivaan, representing Rajasthan, defeated Punjab's Zoravar Singh Sandhu 31-26 to win the title. Services' Balabhadra Tarasiya bagged the bronze. "It's a big boost to my confidence. I missed a few targets, so I just needed a few tweaks. My coach (Khaled Al Mudaf) provided me with a technical input and helped me," revealed Vivaan.

In women's trap, MP's Neeru edged out UP's Sabeera Haris 26-24 to clinch the gold. Sabeera, who beat Manisha Keer 4-3 in a shootoff in the semifinal, took the silver and Services' Seema Tomar the bronze.

Ivan's night out as Kerala's Blasters have a party

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Stan Rayan
KOCHI

There was a nice and dramatic Ukrainian touch to the Kerala Blasters' party as it won its Hero Indian Super League opener against East Bengal FC 3-1 at a packed Nehru Stadium here on Friday.

Coming in as a 79th-minute substitute, replacing forward Apostolos Giannou, Ukrainian Ivan Kaliuzhnyi was quick to make his mark and make a dream debut.

Quick run

Minutes after arriving, the 24-year-old, who had come on loan from FK Oleksandriya two months ago, made a quick run from the centre, dodged past a couple of defenders and coolly sent the ball in. Everything was over in a jiffy and Ivan made it look all so easy.

Just as the Blasters coach Ivan Vukomanovic had predicted, the new faces look capable of producing a few wonderful surprises this season.

And the home fans had plenty to celebrate as Ivan came back to produce another beauty from outside the box seven minutes later, shortly after midfielder Alexandre Lima had reduced the margin for East Bengal. Blasters' midfielder Adrian Luna, who had been one of the standout performers for runner-up Blasters last year, scored the ISL ninth edition's opening goal earlier, his attempt kissing the crossbar and going in, in the 72nd minute.

The first half was rather quiet, but nobody expected the second half to be so dramatic.

East Bengal goalkeeper Kamaljit Singh was kept very busy early in the second session by Luna and Apostolos. He stayed steady early, but things changed in a big way later.

Flying start: Debutant Ivan, coming in as a 79th-minute substitute, pumped in two goals for Blasters. THULASI KAKKAT

The result: Kerala Blasters 3 (Adrian Luna 72, Ivan Kaliuzhnyi 82 & 89) bt East Bengal 1 (Alexandre Lima 88).

Saturday's match: Bengaluru FC vs. NEUFC, Bengaluru.

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INBRIEF

Mitchell ruled out of T20 Tri-Series with fractured hand

New Zealand batter Daryl Mitchell has been ruled out of the T20 Tri-Series in Christchurch after fracturing his hand during training at Lincoln on Friday. The all-rounder sustained a blow to his right-hand while batting in the nets and an X-ray revealed a fracture to his fifth metacarpal.

Arsenal in cruise control while United huffs and puffs

Manchester United avoided further embarrassment after its humiliating defeat to Manchester City by coming from behind to beat Cypriots Omonia Nicosia 3-2 in the Europa League on Thursday, while Premier League leader Arsenal eased past Bodo/Glimt.

Important results: Group A: Arsenal 3 (Nketiah 23, Holding 27, Vieira 85) bt Bodo/Glimt 0.
Group C: Roma 1 (Dybala 34-pen) drew with Real Betis 2 (Rodriguez 40, Luiz Henrique 88).
Group E: Omonia Nicosia 2 (Ansarifard 34, Panagiotou 85) lost to Manchester United 3 (Rashford 53, 84, Martial 63); Sheriff Tiraspol 0 lost to Real Sociedad 2 (D. Silva 53, Elustondo 62).

Warner, Starc star in Aussie T20 sweep against Windies

Australia's David Warner smashed an exciting half-century and Mitchell Starc claimed four for 20 to help the hosts beat West Indies by 31 runs in the second T20I and complete a 2-0 series sweep here on Friday.

The scores: Australia 178/7 in 20 overs (David Warner 75, Tim David 42, Alzarri Joseph 3-21, Obed McCoy 2-33) bt West Indies 147/8 in 20 overs (Johnson Charles 29, Akeal Hosein 25, Mitchell Starc 4/20, Pat Cummins 2/32).
Toss: West Indies
Australia won by 31 runs to clinch the two-match series 2-0.

MEG & Center pips Friends United

MEG & Center FC edged Friends United FC 2-1 in the BDFA Super Division League football here on Friday.

The result: MEG & Center FC 2 (Arjuna Madhu 41, Ahmed Asrarul 90+4) bt Friends United FC 1 (Magesh Selva 10).

Likith and Ahida corner glory

Likith Gowda and Ahida Singh emerged the boys' and girls' champions at the Topspin AITA U-14 CS-7 tennis championship.

The results (finals): Boys: Likith Gowda bt Niyant Vikas 6-4, 6-3. **Girls:** Ahidha Singh bt Sanmitha Harini 6-3, 6-0.

LIVE TELECAST

National Games: DD Sports & Sony Six (SD & HD) & LIV, 7.30 a.m. onwards
Women's Asia Cup: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 8.30 a.m. & 1 p.m.
Formula 1: Japanese GP (Qualifying): SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 11.30 a.m.
T20I tri-series: Prime Video, 11.30 a.m.
LaLiga: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 5.30, 7.45, 10 p.m. & 12.30 a.m. (Sunday)
Serie A: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 6.30, 9.30 p.m. & 12.15 a.m. (Sunday)
Premier League: SS Select 1, 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 & 10 p.m.
ISL: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.
Pro Kabaddi League: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 & 9 p.m.
Bundesliga: Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7 & 10 p.m.

Simranjit Kaur, Shiva Thapa cruise into the quarterfinals

The former breached Rinky's defence to land some clean headshots before delivering good combinations while the latter used his experience to tackle Aniket's raw aggression

NG BOXING

Y.B. Sarangi
GANDHINAGAR

Olympians Simranjit Kaur and Shiva Thapa gave commanding performances to cruise into the quarterfinals at the boxing arena of the National Games in Gandhinagar on Friday.

While Simranjit got the better of a gritty Rinky Sharma 5-0 in a 60kg first-round bout, Shiva trounced home state's Aniket Pandey 5-0 in a men's 67kg clash.

Easy time in the ring: Assam's Thapa, left, put up a commanding performance against Aniket of Gujarat. V.V. KRISHNAN

Intense attacks

A 2018 World championships bronze medallist, Simranjit breached her rival's defence to land some clean headshots in the first round before delivering good combinations on the counter in the second. She attacked with more intensity in the third to record a convincing victory.

Shiva used his experience to tackle Aniket's raw aggression. The former World championships bronze medallist and a five-time Asian medallist maintained a safe distance against the taller home boxer and used his well-directed counterattacks.

"It's a perfect platform to assess talent. Many boxers have come up from 63.5kg and many from higher weights have come down, so the competition level has gone up," said Shiva.

Worlds medallist Saweety Boora (75kg) and World youth champion Sachin Siwach Jr. (57kg) also made it to the last-eight.

Important results (preliminary round):

Men: 51kg: Karan Rupini (Tri) bt Suraj Soy (Jha) 4-1, Avinash Chandel (HP) bt Ruchir Srivas (MP) 3-2; Ramakrishnan Bala (TN) bt Aman Kumar (Bih) 5-0.

57kg: S. Sahil (Cht) bt Jobison Yengkokpam (Man) 5-0; Sachin Siwach Jr. (Har) bt Amir Tajo (Aru) RSC-R3.

60kg: Vijay Kumar (Pun) bt Krian B.K. (Kar) 5-0; Muhammad Etash Khan (SSCB) bt Harivansh Tiwari (Mah) 5-0.

67kg: Shiva Thapa (Asm) bt Aniket Pandey (Guj) 5-0.

Women: 52kg: Manju Basumatary (Asm) bt Hetal Sundarji Dama (Guj) 3-2, Anjali Sharma (MP) bt G. Ramya (AP) 5-0.

60kg: Simranjit Kaur (Pun) bt Rinky Sharma (UP) 5-0.

75kg: Saweety Boora (Har) bt Chirangi Chouhan (Raj) 5-0; Shalakha Singh (Del) bt D. Priya (TN) 5-0.

Abhinav and Karandeep share the top spot

NG GOLF

Sports Bureau
AHMEDABAD

Abhinav Lohan and Karandeep Kochhar shared the lead with a total of 134 in the men's section after the second day of the National Games at the Kensville Golf and Country Club in Ahmedabad on Friday. Amandeep Kaur aggregated 141 in two rounds to be in the lead in the women's category.

The scores: Men: Individual: Abhinav Lohan (68, 66) and Karandeep Kochhar (68, 66) 134; Rohan Patil (67, 74) 141; Arjun Bhati (72, 70) and Sunhit Bishnoi (73, 69) 142; Ishaan Chawhan (71, 72) and Varun Parikh (74, 69) 143.
Team: Haryana 289; Delhi 290; Karnataka 291; Gujarat and Chandigarh 293.
Women: Amandeep Kaur (72, 69) 141; Nishna Patel (74, 68) 142; Avani Prashanth (71, 74) 145; Gaurika Bishnoi (73, 74) 147; Puneet Kaur Bajwa (75, 74), Durga Nittur (73, 76) and Vani Kapoor (75, 74) 149.
Team: Maharashtra 291; Punjab 293; Karnataka 294; Haryana 301; Delhi 309.

The buzz is back around Bengaluru FC as it takes on NorthEast United

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N. Sudarshan
BENGALURU

The pandemic has shifted many a memory and altered many a life. But Sunil Chhetri swears that he remembers every little detail from his footballing life from before, like "coming to the stadium, doing our warm-up, seeing the fans and memorising all the chants."

On Saturday, he will relive everything when Bengaluru FC returns to its traditional home, the Sree Kanteerava Stadium, after two stifling seasons in a bio-bubble, for its ISL season opener against NorthEast United FC.

"It's like normal football again and supporters will be like big caged animals," said head coach Simon Grayson. "Now, they are going to be released into the open to create the atmosphere, the noise, and the enthusiasm. I am sure they cannot wait, and the players too."

After two disappointing campaigns, the buzz around the club appears to be back. The signings of star forward Roy Krishna and creative midfielder Javi Hernandez, the emergence of youngster N. Sivasakthi, and the Durand Cup win ending a three-year barren run have excited the supporters.

Confident: BFC captain Chhetri and head coach Grayson ahead of the match against NorthEast United. K. MURALI KUMAR

> I am just trying to make sure that I get into the first XI
> **SUNIL CHHETRI**

The additions of Prabir Das, who formed a good on-field understanding with Krishna while at ATK Mohun Bagan, and defender Sandesh Jhingan indicate that BFC is desperate to contend for a title that it last won in 2018-19.

"I am just trying to make sure that I get into the first XI," said a dead-serious Chhetri. "That's the level of competition. The youngsters are pushing us and a lot of seniors are insecure of their places. That's one of the best teams to be at."

NorthEast, on the other hand, is a bit of an unknown quantity, with much of the team new. The well-loved Federico Gallego and solid V.P. Suhair are no longer at the club which finished second from bottom last season. But coach Marco Balbul promised to "try and win the game". It's for the players to make good on that.

Ravishing Form wins feature

MYSURU: Parvati Byramji trained Ravishing Form (Trevor up) won the Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Golf Club Mysore 2000 Guineas 2022, the chief event of the races held here on Friday (Oct 7).
The winner is owned by Mr. Mukul A. Sonawala, The Estate Of Late Mr. R.R. Byramji, Mrs. Anasuya Gupta, DT Racing & Breeding LLP rep by. Mr. D.R. Thacker. Jockey S. Saqlain won three races on the day.
Trevor, who rode confidently, kept the colt in the handy second position till the home stretch. He started manoeuvring his mount in the straight, Ravishing Form responded tremendously and took over from long-time leader Last Wish passing the 400m and won comfortably.

B.M. Nagesh, president JWGC, presenting the 2000 Guineas trophy to Parvati Byramji, trainer of Ravishing Form, and jockey P. Trevor. M.A. SRIRAM

THE RESULTS:

1. YADAVAGIRI PLATE (1,600m), rated 00 to 25, 5-y-o & over: **SOUTHERNARISTOCRAT** (Antony) 1, Adela (S. Saqlain) 2, News Maker (Srinath) 3 and Osibisa (Sai Kiran) 4. 1-1/2, 2-3/4 and 3-1/2. 1m 40.37s. Rs. 29 (w), 32 and 11 (p), SHP: 28, THP: 37, FP: 110, Q: 21, Trinella: 193 and 135. Favourite: Adela.
Owner: Mr. Srinivasa M. Trainer: Rajendra Singh.

2. SUNDERBANS PLATE (1,100m), rated 00 to 25: **LUCKY SUN** (B. Darshan) 1, Areca Angel (Salman K) 2, Scarlet Princess (H. Rathod) 3 and Engelberg (Hasib A) 4. 2-3/4, 1-3/4 and Shd. 1m 06.28s. Rs. 94 (w), 31, 17 and 88 (p), SHP: 48, THP: 293, FP: 757, Q: 279, Trinella: 54,682 and 23,435. Favourite: Virginia Queen.
Owners: M/s. Gaurav Sethi & Abhimanyu Jagdish Thackersey. Trainer: Vishal Yadav.

3. SPECTACULAR QUEST PLATE (Div. III), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45: **PERFECT JUSTICE** (Kiran Rai) 1, Stars Above (Antony) 2, Meghann (Salman K) 3 and Country's Major (H. Zeeshan) 4. Not run: Kallu Sakkare. 9-3/4, 2 and 3-1/2. 1m 12.20s. Rs. 17 (w), 11, 15 and 15 (p), SHP: 25, THP: 35, FP: 33, Q: 22, Trinella: 67 and 48. Favourite: Perfect Justice.
Owner: Mrs. Sandhya Suman. Trainer: C. Girinath.

4. SPECTACULAR QUEST PLATE (Div. II), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45: **UNIQUE STYLE** (S. Saqlain) 1, Archway (Antony) 2, Altair (Sai Kiran) 3 and Supreme Angel (Hindu S) 4. Not run: Angel Dreams. 1/2, Nk and 8-1/2. 1m 12.54s. Rs. 30 (w), 11, 16 and 14 (p), SHP: 38, THP: 63, FP: 110, Q: 49, Trinella: 141 and 53. Favourite: Altair.
Owner: Mr. H.K. Lakshman Gowda. Trainer: V. Lokanath.

5. MAJ. SARDAR L. MAHADEVAIAH MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,600m), rated 40 to 65, 5-y-o & over: **CAPABLE** (S. Saqlain) 1, Southern Power (Antony) 2, Tyto Alba (Angad) 3 and Ceffina (Shreyas S) 4. 1, 8 and 1-1/4. 1m 38.45s. Rs. 14 (w), 14 and 15 (p), SHP: 23, THP: 38, FP: 23, Q: 19, Trinella: 63 and 52. Favourite: Capable.
Owner: Mr. G.S. Reddy. Trainer: Sharat Kumar.

6. JUSTICE P. MEDAPA MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,400m), rated 60 to 85, 4-y-o & over: **CARACAS** (Trevor) 1, Peyo (Suraj) 2, Rising Sun (Angad) 3 and Aberlour (S. Saqlain) 4. Not run: Leilani. 2-1/4, 4-1/2 and 3/4. 1m 23.09s. Rs. 15 (w), 10, 11 and 49 (p), SHP: 17, THP: 55, FP: 20, Q: 11, Trinella: 104 and 95. Favourite: Caracas.
Owner: Mr. Aditya P. Thackersey. Trainer: S. Dominic.

7. JAYACHAMARAJA WADIYAR GOLF CLUB MYSORE 2000 GUINEAS 2022 (1,600m), 3-y-o only, (Terms): **RAVISHING FORM** (Speaking Of Which - Adlella) Trevor 1, Once You Go Black (Win Legend - Aksinya) Suraj 2, Still I Rise (Chinese Whisper - For Sure) Srinath 3 and Tranquilo (Win Legend - Only Royale) Antony 4. 1, 3-1/4 and 2-3/4. 1m 33.71s. Rs. 24 (w), 19 and 14 (p), SHP: 28, THP: 39, FP: 105, Q: 36, Trinella: 359 and 235. Favourite: Ravishing Form.

Owners: Mr. Mukul A. Sonawala, The Estate Of Late Mr. R.R. Byramji, Mrs. Anasuya Gupta, DT Racing & Breeding LLP rep by. Mr. D.R. Thacker. Trainer: Parvati Byramji.

8. SPECTACULAR QUEST PLATE (Div. i), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45: **INDIAN PATRIOT** (Srinath) 1, Star Admiral (S. John) 2, Indian Glory (S. Saqlain) 3 and Eye The Mind (Antony) 4. Not run: Fassbinder. 5, 2-1/2 and 1-1/4. 1m 10.62s. Rs. 20 (w), 12, 10 and 23 (p), SHP: 35, THP: 50, FP: 32, Q: 21, Trinella: 172 and 160, Exacta: 543 and 166. Favourite: Indian Patriot.

Owner and trainer: Mr. Rakesh.

9. HASTHINAPURA PLATE (1,100m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over: **D KARNA** (S. Saqlain) 1, Pastiche (Darshan) 2, Gold Gray (Vaibhav) 3 and Impeccable (Rayan) 4. Not run: Stone House. 2, Snk and 1/2. 1m 04.90s. Rs. 36 (w), 21, 51 and 13 (p), SHP: 133, THP: 45, FP: 1,674, Q: 515, Trinella: 2,051 and 1,492, Exacta: 2,904 (carried over). Favourite: Gold Gray.

Owner: Mr. Suchendra Bal Rajurs. Trainer: K. Aditya.

Jackpot: Rs. 1,929 (148 tkts); Runner up: 76 (1,614 tkts); Treble (i): 4,533 (carried over); (ii): 117 (11 tkts); (iii): 522 (eight tkts).

MRF Formula 2000 makes a return after a two-season break

Sports Reporter
CHENNAI

The MRF Formula 2000, among the quickest racing cars in the country, will return to the MRF MMSC-FMSCI Indian National Car Racing Championship after a two-season break, as the first round of the 2022 season gets underway at the Madras International Circuit here on Saturday.

The two-litre single-seater, developed by JA Motorsports in Coimbatore, will headline the compact, 10-race programme which also includes the MRF Saloons (Toyota Etios), Formula LGB 1300 and the three-tier saloon cars – Indian Touring Cars, Indian Junior Touring Cars and the Super Stock – categories.

The MRF F2000 will have a grid of nine youngsters for whom it will be the first race outing in this category. Spearheading the pack is Agra's Shahan Ali Mohsin, winner of the MRF F1600 championship in 2021.

All the nine drivers have graduated from karting and junior formula championships.

Giannis Antetokounmpo keen to play NBA pre-season games in India

Ashwin Achal
ABU DHABI

Milwaukee Bucks star Giannis Antetokounmpo stated that he would like to play a few NBA pre-season games in India.

"I've played in London and Paris, and today, I played in Abu Dhabi for the first time. I've never played in China – so maybe in Beijing or Shanghai. Maybe we can play somewhere in India.

"We have to try and expand our game as much as possible.

"We have to make it global and reach places we haven't reached.

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"A lot of places around the world love basketball, and we have to present it to them. We can create more fans that way," Antetokounmpo said in a press conference here.

Antetokounmpo spoke after a pre-season friendly between Atlanta Hawks and Milwaukee Bucks at the Etihad Arena here.

Dejounte Murray, traded by the Spurs in the off-season, scored 25 points to lead Atlanta to a 123-113 win. This was the NBA's first game in the United Arab Emirates.

Antetokounmpo, who led Milwaukee to the NBA title last year, said that he enjoyed the atmosphere in Abu Dhabi.

Different energy

"Playing here has been fun. We felt a different crowd, with a different energy. I've made new memories here, and it's something I will tell my kids about," Antetokounmpo said.

(The author is in Abu Dhabi on invitation from NBA India)

Antetokounmpo in action in Abu Dhabi. GETTY IMAGES

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ASHOK GEHLOT
Chief Minister, Rajasthan

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- Self registration facility for MSME units and exemption from approvals & inspections for first 3 years
- Up to 8% interest subsidy under Mukhyamantri Laghu Udyog Protsahan Yojana 2019; approx Rs100 crore of subsidy given so far
- Attractive investment incentives to MSMEs under RIPS 2022 as a thrust sector
- Over Rs900 crore worth of subsidies given to MSMEs under various State investment promotion schemes

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